

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**DEPARTMENT:** Capital Engineering


**FROM:** Randy Morrison, PE, Director of Capital Engineering

**MEETING:** April 6, 2026

**SUBJECT:**

Consider and take possible action on a professional services agreement with Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P. for preparing construction plans, technical specifications, and bidding documents for the Hulen Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitations project in the amount of \$110,300.00 (Project WA2401). *(Staff Contact: Randy Morrison, PE, Director of Capital Engineering)*

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):**

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p><b>Dynamic &amp; Preferred City</b> Through Managed Growth</p>	<p>2.4 Implement the City's Capital Improvement Program</p> <p>2.5 Develop and maintain facilities and utility services</p>

The project originates from the "Storage Tank Evaluation 2019" report prepared by Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P. in March 2019. Evaluations conducted in the report identified coating deterioration, structural maintenance needs, and necessary safety improvements for two ground storage reservoirs at the Hulen Pump Station. Reservoir No. 1 (2.0 MG steel tank built in 2005) and Reservoir No. 2 (3.0 MG concrete tank built in 2017) both require varying levels of rehabilitation work.

The project includes preparing construction plans, technical specifications, and bidding documents for the following:

- Base Scope – Reservoir No. 1 (Exterior & Interior):
  - Blast and clean exterior surfaces, apply a new protective coating system, and complete miscellaneous interior and exterior improvements.

- Additive Alternate No. 1 – Reservoir No. 1 (Interior Only):
  - Clean and blast interior surfaces and apply an NSF-approved interior coating.
- Additive Alternate No. 2 – Reservoir No. 2 (Exterior Only):
  - Power wash and recoat the exterior while keeping the reservoir in service.

These improvements support the long-term reliability, safety, and performance of the City’s water storage infrastructure. The engineering design is anticipated to take 6 months and construction 4 months with an estimated project completion in Summer 2027.

The Professional Services Agreement Proposal includes \$72,400.00 for Engineering Services covering both the base scope and additive alternatives, and \$37,900.00 for Special Services associated with the base scope only, for a total professional services cost of \$110,300.00. In addition, Quality Control Inspection services for Additive Alternative No. 1 (\$21,000.00) and Additive Alternative No. 2 (\$13,000.00) may be added, with funding for these inspections to be requested at the time of construction only if adequate capital for the selected alternative(s) has been secured. The current project budget allocates \$110,000.00 for design, \$1,326,557.00 for construction, and \$70,000.00 for ED&P.

This contract is for professional services as defined under Texas Government Code Chapter 2254, Professional Services Procurement Act. In accordance with Chapter 2254, professional service providers must be selected on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications rather than price. Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P. has been determined by staff to be the most qualified provider for the required services based on a specialized knowledge of this project due to their prior work, which includes performing the original inspection and preparing the corresponding engineering report. Their familiarity with the existing conditions, historical project data, and technical findings provides continuity, reduces the need for duplicate investigations, and supports a more efficient and accurate design and implementation process.

In compliance with Chapter 2254, the City has negotiated a contract with Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P. at a fair and reasonable price. Staff has determined that this procurement meets the statutory requirements for the selection of professional services and is in compliance with applicable law.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

None.

**REFERENCE:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: \$110,300.00  
Account Number(s): 5203101-72010  
Fund: Water and Sewer Bonds  
Account Description: WSBdCaDesi  
Procurement Method: LGC Chapter 2254 Professional Services Procurement Act

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