
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Information Technology

FROM: James Grommersch, Chief Technology Officer

MEETING: December 12, 2022

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of a three-year contract with AT&T for Switched Ethernet Services for in the amount not to exceed \$361,457.00. (*Staff Contact: James Grommersch, Chief Technology Officer, IT*)

SUMMARY:

In an effort to improve the City's network redundancy and speed, BTX-IT recommends switching to AT&T's Switched Ethernet Services (SeS). The SeS will allow the city locations to have multiple network paths preventing outages and increasing speed for all sites. In addition, BTX-IT can change the bandwidth at each site based on their need(s). The increased speed is necessary as the City brings on Software as a Service solutions, such as CAD and 311, and to improve the disaster and recovery program. BTX-IT compared all local providers, and AT&T was able to provide service at all BTX locations. In Addition, their rate was lower and they provided better staff management tools. The SeS project is part of the overall BTX-IT Network Architecture improvements that were briefed to Council on June 20th, 2022. Funding for the SeS was a planned event in the FY22-23 budget and is within the departmental budget. Funding will come from consolidating the City's four internet service providers into two, one primary and a secondary, for redundancy.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve the contract with AT&T.
- 2) Deny the contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of a three-year contract with AT&T for Switched Ethernet Services for in the amount not to exceed \$361,457.00 (Staff Contact: James Grommersch, Chief Technology Officer, IT)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budgeted Y/N: Y
Fund Name: Communications / Access Fees
Full Account #: 001-1099-419.53-02
Amount: \$361,457.00

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