

City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Capital Engineering

FROM: Randy Morrison, PE, Director of Capital Engineering

MEETING: April 21, 2025

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on a contract with Tex-Star Underground, LLC for construction services on the Bluebird Meadows Drainage Improvements ITB 2025-009 in the amount of \$108,625, with a project contingency of \$10,862.50, for a total amount of \$119,487.50 (Project DR2302). (Staff Contact: Randy Morrison, PE, Director of Capital Engineering)

SUMMARY:

The City was alerted to standing water within the 6500 block of Bluebird Meadows Drive. Upon staff investigation, it was determined that the area in question was a HOA parcel that had a Brazos Electric Cooperative easement placed over the land. After reaching out to Brazos Electric Cooperative, this area had been an issue to them for some time since the company would not have access to their power lines after a heavy rain. Brazos Electric Cooperative attempted to reach out to the homebuilders to have the area regraded but was unsuccessful.

Capital Engineering staff produced an in-house design of an inlet and flume which would alleviate the drainage issue. Brazos Electric Cooperative reviewed and approved the plans as not interfering with their operations.

The project was initially advertised for construction bids beginning March 13, 2024. Three bids were publicly opened on April 9, 2024. All bids received significantly exceeded the available construction budget of \$99,228 with the lowest being \$132,047.50. Staff subsequently recommended rejecting the bids and exploring additional design alternatives to more cost-effectively address the drainage concerns. Council agreed with staff's recommendation and rejected all bids on May 6, 2024. Staff then initiated a new procurement for the revised project.

The project was advertised again for construction bids beginning February 26, 2025. A single bid, by Tex-Star Underground, LLC in the amount of \$108,625, was publicly opened on March 25, 2025. Staff recommends Council approve the contract with Tex-Star Underground, LLC for construction services on the Bluebird Meadows Drainage Improvements ITB 2025-009 in the amount of \$108,625, with a project contingency of \$10,862.50, for a total amount of \$119,487.50.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

 May 6, 2024 - Approval a minute order rejecting the bids for ITB 2024-007 Bluebird Meadows Drainage Improvements.

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue: \$119,487.50 Account Number(s): DR2302-4203101-30-70020

Fund: Street Bond

Account Description: Street Bond – Construction

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