# COBURG CITY COUNCIL ACTION/ISSUE ITEM



TOPIC: Contract for Jones Drilling Co. to conduct a test well on Morneau Property

Meeting Date: October 13, 2020

Staff Contact: Brian Harmon Public Works Director Contact: 541-682-7857 brian.harmon@ci.coburg.or.us

## REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Consider approval of the contract with Jones Drilling Co. to conduct a test well on the Morneau property .

RECOMMENDED MOTION: "I move to approve the City Administrator to execute a contract with Jones Drilling Co. to conduct a test well on the Morneau Property".

## **BACKGROUND**

As part of the multi project Water Master Plan upgrades, it is essential to have another production well. We are planning on drilling the production well on the Morneau Property that we have an offer to purchase located on Stallings Ln. During the review process with Oregon Health Authority of the production well, a question came up that there are elevated nitrate levels in the area. We have elected to do another test well as our due diligence. We believe that the area and the depth we are looking at will produce lower than unsafe levels. We also have decided to go down to 160' testing nitrates and soils for better data collection. This will allow us to either move forward with the purchase of the property by the Oct 31st date or keep searching for the third water source.

The contract for this work will be formulated from the required Business Oregon Contract as all water project contracts are and will be until the end of the project. After the Council approves, the contract will be awarded and created, and then the project will move forward.

#### **BUDGET**

• The estimated cost of this contract is \$20,000. The funding source for this project is Business Oregon and some Water SDC Funds.

# **RECOMMENDATIONS AND ALTERNATIVES**

The alternatives for City Council include:

- 1. Take no action. If the Council chooses this step the contract will not awarded.
- 2. Approve the contract as drafted. The contract would become effective immediately and end with completion by October 30<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- 3. Adopt an amended contract. Council may make suggestions for contract changes. However, Council should consider that this contract language is the approved and required language of Business Oregon for the funded water projects.

# **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

N/A

### **NEXT STEPS**

The next step would be to implement the contract.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Draft – construction contract

# **REVIEWED THROUGH**

Anne Heath, City Administrator