City of Colusa California

STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 16th, 2024

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jesse Cain, City Manager, and Ishrat Aziz-Khan

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration of Resolution approving, the authority of the City Manager to sign the contract with the selected Accounting Software Company for the City of Colusa.

Recommendation:

Approve the attached resolution, approving the City Manager to sign the contract with the best choice out of the received proposals from the software companies.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

The City of Colusa finance staff contacted several cities to find out their accounting software and the pros and cons of their program. The finance director also discussed with the city auditor to utilize their knowledge and experience about different software programs being used by other cities. The finance director with the city staff narrowed it down to three companies after more than fifteen months of research. Those three companies are CUSI, Black Mountain Software, and Tyler Technologies.

The CUSI provides only billing software. The City would have to purchase the other software to process the payroll, accounts payable, and other financial functions.

The finance staff attended the demo of Black Mountain Software several times. The software is Windows base which is easier to use. The reference provided by the company was not satisfactory.

The other software was Tyler Technologies Co. Inc. The company provided a live demo of the different modules and explained the functions clearly. The majority of the staff is in favor of utilizing Tyler Technologies. The software costs more but it has different modules that the city can utilize currently and add more in the future if needed.

Currently, the City is using MOM Software offered by Corbin Willits System Inc. The City of Colusa used this software for over thirty years. The company made upgrades over the years but it still does not meet the City's needs.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The initial implementation of new software will cost the city $119,139 upfront and another 18k to implement the building permits and code enforcement modules when the city is ready to switch over. The City pays an annual payment of $17,532 for MOMs and Recdesk. The annual maintenance cost will increase by 24k.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Approve resolution24-

ATTACHMENT:
Resolution 24-
Proposal Tyler Technologies
Proposal Black Mountain Software