



## Agenda Memo

Crest Hill, IL

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 10, 2025
<b>Submitter:</b>	Ronald J Wiedeman
<b>Department:</b>	Engineering
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	A Resolution approving Amendment No 2 to the September 21, 2022 agreement for design and bidding -related services for Well 14 by and between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and Strand Associates, Inc. for an amended contract amount of \$137,000.00.

**Summary:** Staff and Josh Hassert have been in contract with the Department of Corrections (DOC) to acquire a permanent and temporary easements for the installation of a new water line required for the city's transition from city wells to the Lake Michigan water supply. This new water supply line will be used to provide water to both the north and south section of the city and is currently scheduled to be constructed during the 2025 construction season.

Coordination began in December 2023 and to date we are not any closer to acquiring these easements. The city currently has two outside funding streams to help pay for this project. One of them is through Will County's American Rescue Fund program is providing \$500,000 for this project. These funds per the agreement will need to be spent before the end of 2025 otherwise the city will lose this funding.

The project schedule currently is to bid this project out is during the winter of 2025 with construction beginning in spring and being completed during the middle of summer of 2025. The schedule has been created so our work of installing this new line is completed before the construction of the Grand Prairie Lake Michigan water supply line which at this time scheduled to begin in 2026.

For the past year, DOC has been working on how the property will be used due to the closing of the existing Stateville Facility within Crest Hill. This has contributed to why this process is taking this long to resolve. Also, unless the DOC agrees to the acquisition of these easement within the next couple of months the process of completing the execution of the easement's documents could impact our schedule and jeopardize the \$500,000 in funding from the County.

Therefore, staff have reviewed options to keep this project moving forward. Another option is to move the proposed water main to an easement on the south side of Caton Farm Rd instead of the north side. This change will eliminate the request for easements from the DOC and based on preliminary discussion with the property owner along the south side he would be willing to provide this easement to the city on

a timely basis to keep the project moving forward. His only request is the waiving of permit fees for work he will be doing on this same property to clear trees and place fill for city access to an existing utility easement adjacent to the Canadian National railroad. If the City grants the waiving of permit fees he will provide the easement at no cost to the city. He will be completing the permit work in the spring of 2025. If fees are waived, he will still be required to apply for a permit and have work completed to all city standards and details.

The amount of the amendment to cover the work to redesign and prepare easements documents along the south side of Caton Farm Rd. is \$25,000.00 which will increase the total contract amount to \$137,000.00.

Staff is requesting the following approvals:

1. Approval of an Amendment to the current approved contract with Strand Associates, Inc. The amendment is being requested to cover out of scope work not originally included in the original agreement to update and revise the current bid documents, permits and prepare a new permanent easement document to be executed.
2. Approval to waiving of permit for the work of clearing trees and placing fill for an access road on the sanitary easement.

**Recommended Council Action:**

1. Approve Resolution for Amendment No 2 to the September 21, 2022 agreement for design and bidding -related services for Well 14 by and between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and Strand Associates, Inc. for an amended contract amount of \$137,000.00.
2. Approve the waiving of permit for the work of clearing trees and placing fill for an access road on the sanitary easement.

**Financial Impact:**

**Funding Source:** Water Fund

**Budgeted Amount:** \$1,025,000.00

**Cost:** \$25,000.00

Total Budget amount obligated in the FY 2025 budget to date including this work: \$989,269.00

**Attachments:**

Resolution-Amendment 2 to September 21, 2022 Agreement.

Amendment No 2 to the Agreement for Design and Bidding-related Services.pdf

