



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2025

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and Consider Approval of a Joint Bid Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and the Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation related to the Old Fitzhugh Road Project.** *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*

Agenda Item Requestor:

Summary/Background: The Old Fitzhugh Road Project is a TIRZ project designed to improve Old Fitzhugh Road including sidewalks, roadway improvements, and landscaping. To move the project forward, the City needs to have utilities relocated, including waterlines. As part of the Project, DSWSC wants to coordinate the removal of their lines, the installation of new lines, and provision of new assignments for the new lines. To ensure that the entire project moves at the current schedule as set by TxDOT and the City's Project Managers, the utility coordination with DSWSC will be bid at the same time as the rest of the project. Costs are divided based on the easements owned by the DSWSC. The terms of the Joint Bid Agreement include:

1. City will coordinate construction of the DSWSC water lines at the same time or before the City's construction of Old Fitzhugh Road.
2. Old lines will be removed and properly disposed of.
3. The lines will be 8-inch lines in new assignments.
4. Additional fire hydrant infrastructure will be installed.
5. DSWSC will deposit \$488,000 with the City at time of bid award to go towards construction of the new lines.
6. The City will fund the remainder as part of the project at a total cost of approximately \$1,164,000 (\$675,120).
7. All current easements will be released related to the existing lines.
8. DSWSC may take an active role in the bidding and contracting process.
9. City will have no ownership of the old lines or the new lines.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

TIRZ supports this as a priority project.

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

Approval.

Attachments:

Agreement; Attachment; DSWSC Engineer Report; Staff Report.

Next Steps/Schedule:

If approved, the agreement will be executed. Then when the project is ready for bid the water lines will also be bid out.