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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: TOM CARRINO, CITY MANAGER

DATE: MARCH 21, 2024

RE: Resolution Number 24-32: Authorizing Award of Bid Number 003-24 to RCM Utilities, LLC for the Eastern Water Treatment Plant Well and High Service Pump Project and Approving a Purchase in Excess of \$50,000

Introduction:

Resolution Number 24-32 authorizes the award of Bid Number 003-24 to RCM Utilities, LLC with a base bid of \$513,779.09 for the Eastern Water Treatment Plant Well and High Service Pump Project and authorizes the City Manager to execute all agreements with RCM Utilities, LLC to complete this project.

Background:

This project will replace the existing vertical turbine pump for Well 1 and install one horizontal split case high service pump with associated equipment at the Eastern Water Treatment Plant. Replacement of the existing well pump will increase pump capacity from 500 gallons per minute to 1,200 gallons per minute. Installation of the new high service pump will allow for the plant to keep up with customer demand, especially during peak times.

The description of work for Bid Number 003-24 includes the following:

- Vertical Turbine Pump upgrades including motor assembly and bowl assembly replacement, strainer replacement, extension to existing column pipe, and all required testing
- New High Service Pump including piping and valving, control panels, appurtenances, and miscellaneous work as shown on the Drawings and as specified
- Confirmation that the existing water meter can manage the increased flow, or replacement of the meter if necessary to accommodate the new flow rate
- Electrical work
- Instrumentation and control

Two bids were received by licensed contractors during the February 13, 2024 bid opening for the project. The total base bids from the two contractors ranged from a low of \$513,779.09 to a high of \$761,950.00. City staff is confident that they received competitive pricing and reasonable bids. RCM Utilities, LLC submitted the lowest total base bid of \$513,779.09. In reviewing RCM Utilities, LLC's bid package, no deficiencies were noted. The City's purchasing policies require that the Commission approve any purchase that exceeds \$50,000.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution Number 24-32

Policy Implications:

Not applicable.

Alternatives:

1. Approve Resolution Number 24-32
2. Deny Resolution Number 24-32

Budget/Staff Impact:

The approved budget has allocated funds of \$615,000 for the Eastern Well 1 upgrade, installation of a High Service Pump, and Engineering Construction Services as shown below:

042-8600-533-65-51	Eastern Well 1	\$203,000
065-8600-533-67-17	Third High Service Pump	\$412,000

The funds for this project will be expended from each account as shown below:

042-8600-533-65-51	Eastern Well 1	\$170,700.87
065-8600-533-67-17	Third High Service Pump	\$343,078.22

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Attachment(s):

Resolution Number 24-32

Available Upon Request:

Bids from Bid Number 003-24