



## GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 25, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider a motion to ratify the agreement with Paul Bunyan Communications for Business Internet Services for a monthly fee of \$900.00.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Our previous internet service was provided through MNIT over a privately-owned fiber network that was more than 25 years old. It delivered only 256 kilobytes of bandwidth and relied on outdated connection points spread across multiple facilities, all routed through a central switch at City Hall.

The new fiber infrastructure from Paul Bunyan Communications delivers 1 gigabyte internet service to the Shared Services Center, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Water Plant. This upgraded architecture establishes direct, secure connections to each facility and enables seamless communication across the entire network. Additionally, the enhanced system offers improved scalability to support future network infrastructure needs and projects.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Ratify the agreement with Paul Bunyan Communications for Business Internet Services for a monthly fee of \$900.00.