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TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: January 22, 2025

SUBJECT: Contract Between the Town of Johnstown and Connell Resources for Design Build Services to Replace the East Parish Avenue Alley Sewer Main

ACTION PROPOSED: Consider awarding the contract between the Town of Johnstown and Connell Resources for design build services to replace the East Parish Avenue alley sewer main

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exhibit A – GMP Exhibit (Budget for Cost)
2. Exhibit B – Construction Schedule
3. Design Build Institute of America (DBIA) Contract
4. Conceptual Design - East Parish Alley Sewer Rehabilitation

PRESENTED BY: Ellen Hilbig, Utilities Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is a request to award a design build contract to the construction contractor Connell Resources, Inc to replace the sewer main in the east Parish Avenue alley.

Over the course of the last two years, Town Staff has responded to a number of customer backups and breaks on the existing 6-in clay sewer line located in the alley on the east side of Parish Avenue between Charlotte Street and State Highway 60. The smaller sewer size and condition of the clay pipe has created a scenario where operations has had to limit maintenance outside of emergency calls due to the risk of a potential collapse.

Due to the amount of construction risk associated with this sewer replacement and level of field investigation required, Staff felt that it was in the best interest of the project to initiate a design build project delivery. In April of 2024, the Town entered into a professional services agreement with JUB Engineers, Inc to provide a concept level sewer design to be used to obtain a qualified contractor. The conceptual design was completed in July and in August, Staff reached out to the following construction firms; Zak Dirt, EZ-Excavating and Connell Resources to request construction proposals for the project. Zak Dirt declined to bid on the project due to bandwidth, EZ-Excavating attended a project site walk but declined to provide a cost proposal. Connell Resources, Inc. was the only contractor to provide a guaranteed maximum price of \$858,672.75 with construction scheduled to start in May of

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2025 to allow for the necessary utility potholing to finalize the design and development of a construction communication strategy for local businesses.

The high risk of failure and downtown business impact is driving the need to request the award of an unbudgeted 2025 sewer rehabilitation project. The original plan had been to bring this project before council and complete construction in 2024.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- Healthy & Resilient Economy
 - *Invest in the development of a vibrant and interconnected downtown*
- Quality Infrastructure & Facilities
 - *Ensure future viability of infrastructure and facilities*
 - *Repair and maintain existing infrastructure, facilities and equipment*

LEGAL ADVICE:

The Town Attorney reviewed the DBIA Contract form with this for a previous Town project.

FINANCIAL ADVICE:

Funding was not allocated in 2025 for the project and there may be a need for a budget amendment based on the progression of budgeted projects in the 2025 fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the award of the contract between the Town of Johnstown and Connell Resources for design build services in the amount of \$858,672.75 to replace the east Parish alley sewer main.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

For Approval: I move to award the contract between the Town of Johnstown and Connell Resources for design build services in the amount of \$858,672.75 to replace the east Parish alley sewer main.

For Denial: I move to deny the contract between the Town of Johnstown and Connell Resources for design build services to replace the east Parish alley sewer main.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,



Town Manager