



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 07/14/2026

REQUESTER: Nathan Madenwald, Utilities Engineer

PRESENTER: Nathan Madenwald, Utilities Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2627-6: A RESOLUTION OF THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO AWARD BID, EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND BONDS, AND AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS OR APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY FOR BID 2624-04 FOR THE LINDSEY WATER TOWER MODIFICATION PROJECT. (WARD 7)

BACKGROUND:

The Lindsey Tower is an elevated water storage tank at the intersection of E. Lindsey Street and Classen Boulevard that was originally built nearly 100 years ago to serve Norman's potable water system. However, as Norman's potable water system expanded over the years, the system also changed and, in 2014, it was determined that Lindsey Tank no longer had the hydraulic characteristics necessary to function as viable potable water storage for Norman's system. However, because of the potential for Lindsey Tower to be used as dedicated storage for a non-potable reuse system and due to desire from stakeholders to keep the structure, demolition was put on hold.

Interest from an external entity to have their logo on the tank, in addition to preserving the condition of the tank for potential future use, has led to the need to get updated bids for the tower recoating. Prospective bids for Bid 2627-04 for the Lindsey Water Tower Resurfacing will be opened on July 14, 2026, including several alternates.

DISCUSSION:

The coating for the Lindsey Water Tower, if to be completed, is very time sensitive in order to complete early in the University of Oklahoma football season. Therefore, it is recommended that the Norman Utilities Authority provide authorization through this resolution for the City Manager, who also acts as the General Manager for the Norman Utilities Authority, to execute the associated contracts and bonds and complete budget transfers or appropriations.

Bids will be opened on July 14, 2026, and the information from the bids will be presented to and discussed with the City Council/Norman Utilities Authority during the Council Conference

that evening. Based on direction from that meeting, staff will prepare the contracts and bonds. Following execution by the contractor, the City Manager will execute the contracts and bonds on behalf of the Norman Utilities Authority and also authorize budget transfers or appropriations as required to fund the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adopting Resolution R-2627-6 authorizing the City Manager to award bid, execute Contracts and Bonds, and authorize budget transfers or appropriations for the Lindsey Tower Modification Contract.