



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 07/26/2022

REQUESTER: ANDREW BRUEHL, UTILITIES SUPERVISOR

PRESENTER: GERI WELLBORN, UTILITIES MANAGER

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2122-87:
SUBMITTED BY MORTON SALT INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133.29 PER TON FOR THE PURCHASE OF SALT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

BACKGROUND:

On June 30, 2022, bids were opened for for Salt (Bid 2122-87). Salt is used for generating bleach disinfectant in the treatment of water. Funds in the amount of \$1,002,299 have been budgeted in the fiscal year 2022-2023 (FYE 2023) Budget, Water Fund - Water Treatment Plant - Operating Chemicals (account 31955234 43108) for purchase of all treatment chemicals.

DISCUSSION:

Specifications for Salt (Bid 2122-87) were sent to three (3) vendors and one (1) bid was received. No-bids were due to uncertain costs and supply demands. The lowest and best bid meeting all specifications was submitted by Morton Salt Inc. of Chicago, IL, in the amount of \$133.29 per ton. This compares to a cost of \$117.31 per ton last year for an increase of 13.62 percent. This increase has occurred due to shipping/transporting costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Purchases will be made throughout FYE 2023. Bids have been examined by staff and found to be in order and proper as to form. Based upon the above information, staff recommends acceptance of the lowest and best bid as listed above.