



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** 01/13/2026

**REQUESTER:** Nathan Madenwald

**PRESENTER:** Nathan Madenwald, Utilities Engineer

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AMENDMENT ONE TO CONTRACT K-2021-130: BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND COWAN GROUP ENGINEERING, L.L.C., INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$26,450 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$123,750 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE JAMES GARNER WATER LINE REPLACEMENT FROM MAIN STREET TO DUFFY STREET. (Ward 4)

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Public Works Department is moving forward with the James Garner Avenue Streetscape project which will improve this corridor including new paving and sidewalks from Andrews Park south to Duffy Street. This project is currently under design by Cowan Group Engineering, L.L.C., (Cowan Group).

Water lines located within this corridor are over 50 years old and have experienced failures that disrupt water service and also traffic flows for this important street corridor. Replacement of these water lines prior to the surface improvements would ensure good infrastructure and reduce the likelihood that the surface improvements have to be removed and replaced for future water line replacement work.

Contract K-2021-130 was approved by the Norman Utilities Authority (NUA) on June 18, 2021, in the amount of \$97,300 to provide engineering service for the James Garner Water Line project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Subsequent to the original design contract, an additional water line adjacent to the project was determined to be warranted for replacement and was not part of the original scope of the design contract. This amendment increases the scope and fee of the project to incorporate the design of additional water line replacement.

Additionally, the project was bid by the Public Works Department but exceeded the original budget and construction was not awarded. Under this amendment, the Engineer will provide services for revised final design, bidding, construction administration, and as-built services for a standalone water line replacement project to complete the replacement in advance of the Public Works project.

Funds are available in the amount of \$ 451,700 in Water Line Replacement, Classen/Flood: Hwy9-Indian Hills, Design (Account 31996683-46201; Project WA0338). This is sufficient to fund the proposed contract amendment of \$26,450.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that NUA approve Amendment 1 to Contract K-2021-130 between NUA and Cowan Group Engineering, L.L.C, increasing the contract by \$26,450 for a revised contract total of \$123,750 for the James Garner Water Line Replacement project from Main to Duffy.