



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08/08/2023

REQUESTER: Rachel Croft, Staff Engineer

PRESENTER: Rachel Croft, Staff Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2324-17 BY AND BETWEEN THE NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND CIMARRON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,631,347; PERFORMANCE BOND B-2324-17; STATUTORY BOND B-2324-18; MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2324-7 FOR THE SOUTHLAKE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND APPROPRIATION OF WATER FUND BALANCE.

BACKGROUND:

The existing waterlines in the Southlake Addition, located between Cedar Lane and State Highway 9, just east of Classen Blvd (SH77), are made of ductile iron that were installed in the 1980s and have experienced a significant amount of corrosion, causing water main breaks that impact water service to the neighborhood. This project will install approximately 7,500 linear feet of 8-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe.

DISCUSSION:

The Invitation to Bid (Bid 2324-7) for the Southlake Waterline Replacement Project (WA0352) was published in the Norman Transcript on June 15 and June 22, 2023. It contained a Base Bid for the installation of 7,205 feet of waterline within the Southlake Addition. An Alternate Bid was added to include the replacement of 950 feet of 6-inch waterline at 1932 East Lindsey Street. These waterlines have had a significant number of breaks within the last fiscal year, warranting their replacement.

Two (2) contractors submitted bids. The bids ranged from \$2,089,502 to \$2,198,003 for the Base Bid and \$503,800 to \$541,845 for the Alternate Bid. Cimarron Construction Company, LLC was the low bidder with a Total Bid of \$2,631,347 (the bid results are shown in the attached bid summary). Both staff and the engineering firm, Smith Roberts Baldischwiler, LLC ("SRB", letter attached) recommend award for both the Base Bid and Alternate Bid to Cimarron Construction Company, LLC.

The Southlake Waterline Replacement, Construction account (31996683-46101; Project WA0352) has an available balance of \$1,062,807.73. Staff proposes a budget appropriation

from the Water Fund Balance (account 31-29900) in the amount of \$1,700,000 to the Southlake Waterline, Construction account (31996683-46101; Project WA0352), for a total of \$2,762,807.73. This should be sufficient to fully fund the project and will provide \$131,460.73, or approximately five percent (5%), for unforeseen contingencies.

Work on this project will commence after Norman Utility Authority (NUA) approval of the contract and will end in May 2024. Work at 1932 East Lindsey will be completed first, to address the recent increase in main breaks at this location and the ancillary costs for the repairs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the NUA accept bids meeting project specifications, award Bid 2324-7 to Cimarron Construction Company, LLC for the Southlake Waterline Replacement Project in the amount of \$2,631,347. Staff further recommends approval of Contract K-2324-17 and associated performance, statutory, and maintenance bonds in the amount of the bid.

Staff further recommends the appropriation of Water Fund balance (account 31-29900) in the amount of \$1,700,000 to the Southlake Waterline, Construction account (31996683-46101; Project WA0352).