

**OELWEIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF OELWEIN, IOWA**



MEMORANDUM

FROM: Jeremy P. Logan, Chief of Police

DATE: April 30, 2021

TO: City Administrator Dylan Mulfinger – Mayor Brett DeVore – Oelwein City Council

SUBJECT: Police Facility Heating and Cooling

The City of Oelwein – Police Department has been approved for a USDA Community Facilities Grant to replace the failed heating and cooling system in the current facility. The grant was approved for \$123,700.

As a part of the grant and per our customary practices, we attempt to obtain competitive bids for projects. Due to the urgency of this project, we reached out to three vendors in attempt to obtain proposals. The results of those attempts are:

- 1) A response from one vendor indicating that they are over scheduled and will not provide a proposal. Rabe Hardware responded that they were too busy to provide a proposal and recommended Ken's Electric in Oelwein.
- 2) Young Plumbing and Heating in partnership with DPT Mechanical met with us on more than one occasion to discuss the project. They were provided with blueprints of the building and assured us that they would provide a proposal. They failed to meet their own deadlines and then subsequently failed to meet a deadline that we provided. We would not seek to have them as a contractor due to these initial interactions. To date, we have not received a proposal. With this vendor, they have stopped expressing interest and stopped responding.
- 3) Ken's Electric came on site to view the proposed project, reviewed blueprints of the facility, surveyed the property for the location of the geo loop, and provided a proposal.

I am enclosing the proposal from Ken's Electric for \$224,900. The grant would pay for 55% of this project cost, leaving us a balance of \$101,200.

I respectfully recommend awarding the project to Ken's Electric of Oelwein. This company has invested significant time in reviewing our system and our needs. Ken's Electric is local, so if issues arise in the future, we are able to quickly call on them to remedy the problems. We have a lengthy work history with Ken's Electric and we find them to be very capable of providing us a quality product and service.