
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 12, 2021

DATE: 4.08.2021
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER/ JIM RUDELLAT, HARBOR MASTER
SUBJECT: Ratification of \$38,815.00 expenditure for emergency repairs to the rail spur at Harbor of Refuge

In early March, Jeff Holley with Helena Chemical was called by Union Pacific and told that if repairs were not made to the rail-spur that belongs to the City at the Harbor of Refuge, they would no longer be able to deliver railcars to the facility at the Harbor of Refuge. Mr. Holley call Jim Rudellat, to let him know what was going on. Jim Rudellat then solicited cost proposals from two vendors he was able to find: Diamond K Services, Inc. and Lonestar Railroad Contractors, Inc. to perform needed repairs to the rail spur. Diamond K submitted the lowest bid for repairs at a Base Bid cost of \$30,773.00 (bare minimum required before additional rail cars could be delivered) and an alternate add of \$8,042.00 to remove/replace an additional 50 rail ties (also needed to provide a safe track for the rail cars).

Jody approved the expenditure as an emergency item needed to protect health and safety and keep Helena Chemicals in operation.

At the April 6 Port Commission meeting, the Port Commission expressed appreciation of the City Manager for moving forward with these emergency repairs and recommended to City Council that they ratify the City Manager's expenditure of this \$38,815.00.

The Base Bid repairs were completed on March 5, 2021 and the additional repairs were completed on March 12, 2021. We have contracted with Diamond K to perform a quarterly inspection with a written report for a cost of \$350.00 per inspection.