

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: IL Route 38 Light Foundation Installation and Directional Boring Contract

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Summary: A notice to bidders was placed in the Rochelle Newsleader and on the City website for the above referenced project. On October 19th, 2022 we received and opened bids for lighting foundations and directional boring pertaining to the IL Route 38 lighting project. A total of Three (3) bids were received and have been reviewed for completeness and ability to meet specification requirements.

Bidder Total Bid Price Notes:

Utility Dynamics Corporation \$166,475.00

Engel Electric \$287,960.31

William Charles Electric \$275,584.20

The bid from Utility Dynamics Corporation was the apparent low bid, no major exceptions were listed. Utility Dynamics Corporation has a good list of reference completed projects. The company appears to be in good standing and employs certified and trained craftsmen.

The lighting fixtures were purchased earlier this year for this project and the City has received it's IDOT permit to install over 35 lighting fixtures along IL Rte 38 from Caron Rd to east of Northpointe Drive. This bid is for the installation of the polyduct underground pipe, wire, and light foundations to facilitate the installation of the street lighting fixtures by RMU crews. This has been part of an on-going project to enhance the gateways into the community and will be funded through the Lighthouse Pointe TIF.

Furthermore, given the favorable contract unit prices for multiple construction items it is recommended that approval be given to the City Manager and/or the Supt. Of Electric Operations to negotiate further change order work, not to exceed \$28,575, within the proposed contract to facilitate other improvements and upgrades to streets adjacent to this project.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
Lighthouse Pointe TIF #21-00-89000	\$645,000	Bid proposal plus change order \$195,000

Strategic Plan Goal Application:

Infrastructure Effectiveness and Improvement

Recommendation:

- Consider acceptance of the low bid proposal and award the IL Rte 38 Light Foundation installation and directional boring contract to Utility Dynamics Corporation and reject all other bids received.
- Consider approval and authorization of a not to exceed \$28,575 improvement add on (contract change order) to be negotiated by the City Manager and/or Supt. Of Electric Operations for improvements to the street lighting system and/or underground work