

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING 9/9/24
AGENDA ITEM NO. ?**

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS FOR WATER/WATER RECLAMATION.

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Summary: RMU recently advertised specifications for water treatment chemicals on a national database to solicit bids through a 3rd party company. On June 27th the same company hosted a live online reverse auction for Rochelle to assist us in procuring competitive bidding. The process allows vendors to repeatedly bid against each other in a competitive fashion to drive the bid costs down to the current market value. After the results are tabulated, the process still allows the City to reject, accept or negotiate further with the vendor. Below are the tabulated results of the live auction listing the low bidder for each chemical used in the City's water and water reclamation departments. Due to market availability, we excluded HMO and polymer from this year's bid but recommend pricing that was negotiated with the respective company. Based on last year's average usage we should see approximately \$30,000 in savings with this proposed pricing.

Table A

Hydrous Manganese Oxide:	Carus Co.	\$0.80/lb
Sodium Hypochlorite (water):	Pureline	\$2.28/gal
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Polyphosphate	Carus Co.	\$2.49/lb
HFS (fluoride)	Hawkins	\$5.4/gal
Sodium Bisulfite	Water Solutions	\$.45/lb
Polymer	Polydyne Inc.	\$1.74/lb

The contract term for each associated company is for 1 year and allows for mutually agreed price changes after 6 months.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
O/M Budget (W/WR)	\$240,000	Approximately \$225,000

Recommendation: Approve a resolution waiving competitive bidding requirements to purchase chemicals through Carus Co., Hawkins Co., Water Solutions Unlimited, Pureline and Polydyne in the cost per unit listed in table A.

Supporting Documents:

Document Link 1

Document Link 2

