

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

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance Accepting the bid from Utility Dynamics Corp for Ritchie Road to CHS Line Project

**Staff Contact:** Blake Toliver Superintendent of Electric Operations, Brittney Zick Risk Management

**Summary:** The city received competitive bids for constructing the Ritchie to CHS Line project on April 24, 2025 at 2 p.m. A total of four (4) bids were collected and received on time.

A summary of bids is shown below:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Proposal 1 - Base Price</b>	<b>Proposal 2 - Base Price</b>
JF Electric	\$1,693,456.00	\$1,455,256.00
Tri-City Electric Co.	\$1,798,650.00	\$1,422,860.00
Utility Dynamics Corp	\$1,312,580.00	\$1,112,250.00
Helm Electric	\$1,340,619.11	\$1,168,008.01

The bid from Utility Dynamics Corp was the apparent low bid for Specification 3422K003 which did not include any noteworthy clarifications, exceptions, or price escalators. Although we have not had any past projects with Utility Dynamics Corp specifically being the electrical general contractor, we have contracted their listed references for prior projects. Their references all provided positive reviews, and we have heard the same of their past boring work done in Rochelle. Additionally, the company appears to be in good standing and employs certified and trained craftsmen.

Utility Dynamics Corp's bid is higher than the engineer's estimate for the project of \$1,195,000 completed on 03/07/25. However, that installation estimate did not include the added material procurement we decided to include in the bid, so the bid is close to the estimate when that is adjusted. Proposal 1 is recommended over Proposal 2 due to the needed concrete encased duct bank and additional conduit. BHMG recommends awarding the contract to Utility Dynamics Corp for the installation with it being the low bid.

**Funding Sources:**

<b>Source:</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount:</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure:</b>
Electric Funds	N/A	\$1,312,580

**Strategic Plan Goal Application:** Infrastructure Effectiveness and Improvement

**Recommendation:** Approve an Ordinance Accepting the bid from Utility Dynamics Corp for Ritchie to CHS Line Project