

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

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Accepting and Approving the Proposal from Bruns Construction for Improvements to the Rochelle Railroad Park Gift Shop

Staff Contact: Jenny Thompson, Director of Community Engagement/Assistant to the City Manager

Summary: As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), funds designated to communities were eligible for tourism-related expenditures due to pandemic-related impacts on the industry. As a result, various improvements to the Rochelle Railroad Park Gift shop were identified by staff. The project includes the addition of a handicap ramp entrance, bathroom remodels, addition of a front window and new siding, gutters and soffit.

Bids were opened on December 13, 2022 and the low bidder was Bruns Construction, Inc. at \$167,175.

The 2023 Hotel/Motel budget includes \$135,000 in ARPA Funds for the project. Staff recommends utilizing \$32,175 in hotel/motel cash reserves and approving an additional \$17,000 as a project contingency.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
ARPA Funds	\$135,000	\$135,000
Hotel/Motel Cash Reserves	\$318,263	\$49,175
	TOTAL	\$184,175

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Quality of Life, Community Engagement

Recommendation: Approve An Ordinance Accepting and Approving the Proposal from Bruns Construction for Improvements to the Rochelle Railroad Park Gift Shop