

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: February 2, 2026

Topic:

Workshop Discussion Only – Approve a services agreement renewal with Water Utility Services, Inc. for water sampling and laboratory services for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$195,000, approve the expenditure of funds therefor, and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents related to the purchase. This expenditure is included in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Background:

Water Utility Services, Inc. is a Spring-based lab specializing in sampling and analysis of drinking water and provides proprietary blends of chemicals used in the water and wastewater treatment process. Water Utility Services performs sampling and analysis required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the City of Tomball's drinking water and distribution system and groundwater treatment plants to remain within EPA and TCEQ compliance. Water Utility Services also provides proprietary blends of chemicals needed in the treatment process for the City of Tomball's groundwater treatment (polyphosphate) and wastewater treatment (magnesium hydroxide).

The original services agreement was executed in June 2023 with four additional one-year renewals, staff is requesting to exercise the option to utilize the third renewal term. Based on the City's adopted Procurement Policy, staff is requesting a services agreement renewal with Water Utility Services, Inc. to perform the required water sampling and lab analysis and provide the necessary water and wastewater treatment chemicals for a not-to-exceed amount of \$195,000. Water Utility Services is requesting to increase the rates for chemicals based on current purchase pricing.

Description	Current Cost (FY 2025 – FY 2026)	Proposed Cost (FY 2026 – FY 2027)	Estimated Annual Cost
Aquamag	\$12.00	\$12.75	\$115,000.00
Calcium Hypochlorite	\$295.00	\$310.00	\$65,000.00
Sampling	Based on quantity	Based on quantity	\$15,000.00
Total Estimated Contract: \$175,000			

This procurement is exempt from the competitive bidding requirements under Local Government Code 252.022(2) which does not require procurement for services or chemicals that preserve or protect the public health or safety of a municipality's residents.

Origination: Project Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving a services agreement renewal with Water Utility Services, Inc. to perform the required water sampling and lab analysis and provide the necessary water and wastewater treatment chemicals for a not-to-exceed amount of \$195,000.

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Meagan Mageo

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, specify Account Number: #600-613-6361
#600-613-6110
#600-614-6110

If no, funds will be transferred from account: # _____ To Account: # _____

Signed: Meagan Mageo **Approved by:** _____
Staff Member Date City Manager Date