



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	October 17, 2023
Agenda Item:	Vanderlip Pumping Station Contract Award
Staff Contact (name, email, phone):	Brad Marquardt, bmarguardt@whitewater-wi.gov , 262-473-0139

BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The existing Vanderlip Pumping Station has met its useful life, showing signs of wear and tear. The forcemain associated with the pumping station has also seen issues with recent breaks resulting in leaks. The Vanderlip Pumping Station project will replace the pumping station and forcemain along with removing the Fraternity Pumping Station and rerouting the sanitary sewer to allow for gravity flow. The project was advertised in April 2022 with two bids received. Both bids were well over the estimate and budgeted dollars. Since then, the project was submitted for Clean Water Funds for additional funding. The project was advertised in September in 2023. Four bids were received and opened on October 4, 2023.

Fischer Excavating	\$4,580,341.50
Wondra Construction	\$5,173,976.34
Super Excavators	\$5,698,679.00
Globe Contractors	\$6,078,760.00

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

Council approved Strand's Task Order in December 2019 to complete a West Side Sanitary Survey. Council approved Strand's Task Order for the design of the Vanderlip Pumping Station in March 2021. The construction of the Vanderlip Pumping Station was included in the 2022-2023 CIP budget and approved in the 2022-2023 Budget. The Public Works Committee met on May 10, 2022 to review bids and recommended to Council to reject all bids due to the increase in cost. At the May 17, 2022 Council meeting, Council rejected all bids.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

The original budgeted amount in 2022 was \$2,827,200. The low bid in 2022 was \$4,658,361.43. The low bid this time around is approximately \$78,000 less. To offset the difference, Clean Water Funds have been applied for. Besides carrying a better interest rate, the City is also eligible for principal forgiveness up to 50% of the loan amount (making that portion basically a grant).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving the award of the Vanderlip Pumping Station and Force Main Replacement Project, Contract 4-2023 to Fischer Excavating, Inc. of Freeport, Illinois.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Bid Summary Letter
