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**DATE: JANUARY 7, 2020**

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: STEVE JONES, INTERIM CITY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE MILLS ROAD WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Joliet provides drinking water to residential, commercial, industrial, and private utilities, covering over 40 square miles across Will and Kendall Counties. The City's water system includes approximately 642 miles of water main. The age of the system ranges from the 1880s to the present day and sections of the system are rapidly deteriorating. The deterioration of the system results in a higher frequency of water main breaks that lead to disruptions to water service and increased expenditures on overtime. The approved 2016 Utilities' Department Efficiency Study Implementation Plan recommended rehabilitating a minimum of 1% of the system annually. In order to meet the goals of the City's approved efficiency study implementation plan a five (5) year water main rehabilitation program was prepared. The goals of the rehabilitation program are to restore the structural integrity of the system and maintain current service levels.

The Mills Road Water Main Improvements Project was identified to be completed in Year 4 of the Water Main Rehabilitation Program. This project consists of rehabilitating or replacing approximately 2,770 linear feet of water main in various sizes on Mills Road (Richards Street – Rowell Avenue).

The Administration has submitted a loan application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Water Pollution Control Loan Program. The City's loan request is for engineering and construction of the project. In the IEPA loan process, the City is required to advertise, receive bids, and submit a recommendation of award to the IEPA. The Award of Contract to the low, responsive, responsible bidder is subject to IEPA review and final approval. The final approval of the Award of Contract and loan amount will be determined after the IEPA's review of the bids and the City's supporting documents for engineering cost. The City is also required to submit to the IEPA a Notice of Applicant's Intent of Award or a certified copy of board minutes authorizing the Intent to Award the contracts.

Invitation to bid for the project was advertised in the Joliet Herald-News on Friday, October 25, 2019. The Public Service Committee will review this matter.

**CONCLUSION:**

On Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., two (2) sealed bids were received for the Mills Road Water Main Improvements Project. The bid summary is as follows:

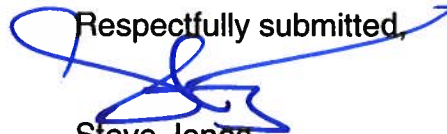
<b><u>CONTRACTOR</u></b>	<b><u>BID AMOUNT</u></b>
Construction by Camco, Inc., Joliet, IL	\$1,172,764.01
Sheridan Plumbing & Sewer, Bedford Park, IL	\$1,203,220.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$1,170,000.00

The low bid from Construction by Camco, Inc. in the amount of \$1,172,764.01, is 0.24% above the engineer's estimate. Construction by Camco, Inc, has previously completed similar work for the City and we are confident they will successfully complete this project.

Funds will be charged to the IEPA Loan Fund / 2020 Water Main Rehabilitation Program (Org 51780000, Object 557200, \$1,172,764.01).

**RECOMMENDATION:**


Based on the above, it is recommended that the Mayor and City Council award, subject to IEPA approval, the Contract for the Mills Road Water Main Improvements Project, in the amount of \$1,172,764.01, on behalf of Construction by Camco, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,  


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