

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: Sep 26, 2013**

TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager

FROM: Rodney Taylor, Assistant Director of Water Utilities

SUBJECT: Oral Resolution Awarding Bid for the Water Distribution System Improvements Project

GENERAL INFORMATION

On September 5, 2013 the City of Abilene received bids for the Water Distribution System Improvements Project CB-1352 (Project). The Project was advertised in the Abilene Reporter News on August 18 and 25, 2013. Two bids were received. The low bid was submitted by Starks Construction Company (Starks) of Abilene, TX in the amount of \$1,420,101.00. The Engineer, after evaluating the bid submittal and the contractor references, does recommend awarding the bid to Starks. The Project is partially funded by a loan from the Texas State Revolving Fund (SRF), and the bid will be contingently awarded by the Abilene City Council pending final approval by the funding agency, Texas Water Development Board.

There is a need to replace certain sections of aged cast iron pipe that are prone to pipe failure resulting in numerous leaks, service disruptions, and water quality concerns. Water Department staff has identified three sections of cast iron pipe each with a history of failures and in need of replacement. Jacob and Martin, Ltd. was hired to prepare plans, specifications and contract documents for the Water Distribution Systems Improvement Project that provides for the repair of the following three piping segments. The replacement and new installation of piping along South Danville Street beginning west of Buffalo Gap Road and continuing east to near the highway interchange with Treadaway Boulevard. The replacement of existing 20inch piping beginning south of the Winters Freeway and extending generally north to Bennett Street. The replacement of existing piping along the south side of West Business 20 beginning near Fulwiler Road and continuing east to Arnold Boulevard. The Project will result in the replacement of over 10,000 feet of existing cast iron piping and the installation of over 1,400 feet of new piping needed to fill a gap in piping in the water distribution system.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The City received a low interest loan in the amount of \$1,135,000.00 from the Texas SRF. Additional funds of \$285,101.00 will come from existing Water Department funds (Pro rata fund).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council award the bid for the Project to Starks in the amount of \$1,420,101.00, and to authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary documents related to the contract.

ATTACHMENTS

Engineer's letter of recommendation
Bid Tab Sheet CB-1352

Prepared by: Name <u>Rodney Taylor</u> Title <u>Asst. Water Director</u>	Item No. <u>6.2</u>	Disposition by City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Ord/Res# <input type="checkbox"/> Denied _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ City Secretary
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September 13, 2013

Mr. Rodney Taylor, Assistant DWU
City of Abilene
P.O. Box 60
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Re: TWDB DWSRF Project #62524
Water Distribution Improvements

Sent Via Email

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On September 5, 2013 the City received bids for the Water Distribution Improvements project. Two bids were received for this project with a low bid of \$1,420,101 by Starks Construction. A bid tabulation is attached as part of this letter, which summarizes the two bids. I have checked references of the low bidder on the project and have found no reason to disqualify the Contractor. Based on the bids received, I recommend awarding the contract to Starks Construction for the base bid of \$1,420,101. Assuming the city council and water department concur with awarding of the project, we will prepare documents for execution by the Contractor and the City. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

JACOB & MARTIN, LTD.

Kirt Harle, P.E.

