

**RESOLUTION NO. 68-2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO UTILITY SERVICES COMPANY INC. FOR THE HIGHLAND AND FIVE POINTS BUSINESS PARK TANK REHABILITATION PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Abilene (City) owns and operates the Highland Elevated Storage Tank (HEST) and the Five Points Business Park Elevated Storage Tank (5PEST); and

**WHEREAS**, the HEST was constructed in 1955, has a capacity of 1,500,000 gallons, and is in need of minor metal repairs and sandblasting and recoating of both the interior and exterior surfaces of the entire structure; and

**WHEREAS**, testing has revealed the presence of lead based paint on the exterior of the HEST and therefore the contractor will be responsible for implementing a lead abatement program as part of the rehabilitation project; and

**WHEREAS**, the 5PEST was constructed in 2003, has a capacity of 200,000 gallons, and is in need of minor metal repairs, sandblasting and recoating of the tank interior, and overcoating of the tank exterior; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Department contracted with Jacob and Martin, Ltd. (J&M) to assist the City with evaluating the condition of the City's water storage tanks, and Dunham Engineering, Inc. assisted J&M in the inspection, evaluation, and prioritization of work necessary to address the various needs identified by the Professional Engineers; and

**WHEREAS**, J&M prepared plans, specification, and contract documents and provided bidding assistance for the Highland and Five Points Business Park Tank Rehabilitation Project (Project), and will also provide contract administration, surface and coating inspection and testing, and general supervision (not Resident Project Representative) of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, Utility Services Company, Inc. (USC) submitted the lowest qualifying bid totaling \$1,304,400.00 for the project, and J&M has evaluated the low bid for conformity with the advertisement for bids and checked the references of the apparent low bidder and does recommend awarding the bid to USC; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

That the Abilene City Manager is authorized to execute a construction contract with Utility Services Company, Inc. for the Highland and Five Points Business Park Tank Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$1,304,400.00.

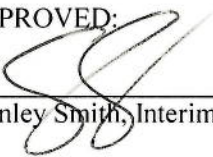
**ADOPTED this 19th day of November, 2015.**

ATTEST:

  
Danette Dunlap, City Secretary

  
Norman Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:

  
Stanley Smith, Interim City Attorney