

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING AWARD TO STARKS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR EMERGENCY WATER MAIN LEAK REPAIRS RELATED TO THE FEBRUARY 2021 WINTER STORM EVENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene (City) owns and operates a Public Water System that includes water treatment, pumping, storage, and distribution facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City's Water Distribution Division is adequately staffed for the repair of both routine and emergency water main repairs that typically occur throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the February 2021 Winter Storm Event resulted in approximately 124 unforeseen water main leaks requiring emergency repairs over a thirteen day period which exceeded the emergency repair capacity of existing staff; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce water loss, minimize water outages, and reduce stress on City staff the Abilene City Manager authorized the solicitation of a capable water utility contractor to assist in making emergency water main repairs until the number of water main leaks became manageable for City staff; and

WHEREAS, in response to the unprecedented winter storm event and the resulting high number of water main breaks the Water Utilities Department contracted with Starks Construction Company, Inc. (Starks) to provide its crews for the emergency repair of water main breaks, and Starks' crews made nineteen water main break repairs over the span of six days, and the Abilene City Council is ratifying this expense for labor and equipment for emergency repairs paid to Starks in the amount of \$58,598.37; and

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

PART 1: That the award of the emergency repair contract to Starks Construction Company for emergency repairs to water mains in the amount of \$58,598.37.

PART 2: That the procurement of the emergency repairs to the numerous water mains due the winter storm event is necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's resident, and is necessary because of unforeseen damage to public equipment or other property.

ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:



Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary



Anthony Williams, Mayor

APPROVED


Stanley E. Smith, City Attorney

