

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: JANUARY 20, 2015

SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES - REPAIR OF CITY WELL #16 AND AIRPORT WELL #1

SOURCE: PUBLIC WORKS - FIELD SERVICES

COMMENT: City of Porterville Well #16, located at 1495 W. Henderson Avenue, and Airport Well #1, located at 2200 Hope Street, have both experienced an operational failure. While the demand on the water system is currently low, it is imperative that we restore operation to both pumps prior to the demand for water increasing in the next few months. Failure to correct the issues will compromise the city's overall water system pressure.

City Code 2-38, Emergency Expenditures/Appropriations, authorizes an expenditure of up to \$100,000 in an extraordinary emergency for the preservation of the public peace, health, or safety. Pursuant to City Code 2-38, these circumstances were communicated to the Mayor by the City Manager and the expenditure was approved by the Mayor due to the extraordinary emergency of the situation. A copy of City Code 2-38 is attached for your reference.

Due to the need for an emergency repair, the normal sealed bid process was not used and emailed quotes were obtained. Securing the services of a pump repair company is challenging, especially during unprecedented drought conditions; however, the following bids were received from two local pump repair companies.

Company	Total	Availability
Valley Pump & Dairy Systems	\$96,479.28	Immediately
S.A. Camp Pump & Drilling Co.	\$105,949.00	May 2015
Zim Industries	<i>No bid returned</i>	

Valley Pump & Dairy Systems provided the lowest bid and is able to immediately start correcting all issues at City Well #16 and Airport Well #1, at a cost not to exceed \$97,000 (inclusive of all parts, taxes, and labor).

The urgency to get these wells operational has necessitated the approval of an emergency repair. Therefore, emergency authorization to engage the services of Valley Pump & Dairy Systems was obtained from the City Manager by the Public Works Director. Funding is available in the Water Operating Fund.

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Ratify that the emergency repair of City Well #16 and Airport Well #1 were necessary and met the emergency criteria as promulgated in Article VII, Section 2-38 of the City Code;
2. Direct the Finance Director to initiate a Purchase Order to Valley Pump & Dairy Systems in an amount not to exceed \$97,000; and
3. Direct the Finance Director to make payment to Valley Pump & Dairy Systems upon receipt of invoices approved by the Public Works Director.

ATTACHMENT: City Code 2-38, Emergency Expenditures/Appropriations

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2-38: EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS:

An appropriation and/or expenditure of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is authorized without additional prior council approval, if: a) the city manager has requested that such an appropriation/expenditure be made; b) the mayor has determined that the circumstances for the request constitute an extraordinary emergency, meaning that there is an immediate need to make such appropriation/expenditure for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety; and c) the city manager notifies the council of the specific appropriation/expenditure in writing. (Ord. 1704 § 1, 10-3-2006)