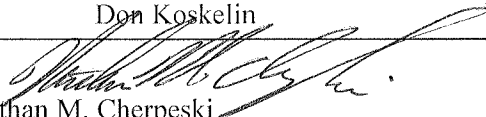


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: February 23, 2010	AGENDA NO. VII, C, 1, c	SUBJECT: Golf Pump Station
Department Head:		
Public Works	Don Koskelin	
City Manager:	 Nathan M. Cherpeski	
PRESENTED BY: Don Koskelin		

Recommendation: That Council award the bid for the pump station to the apparent low bidder, Rainbird Corporation in the amount of \$74,555.00 and that the optional building be bid separately to local contractors.

Background: As part of the effort to take the back nine holes of the golf course off of our treated water we have designed a system that will pump water from the wetlands area to the east of the course for irrigation purposes. This water will actually be delivered from the Independent Ditch to the wetlands which will function as a reservoir in this system. The historic water levels of the wetlands should not change significantly. The change in water place and type of use requires a substitute supply plan and ultimately have to be approved by the water court. These processes have been started and the substitute supply plan should be approved shortly. The pump station is a long lead time item. If we want to get this system in place this year we need to place the order soon. I am confident the plan will be approved but am not sure when that will happen. Three bids were received for the pump station and for an optional building as follows:

	Pump Station	Optional Bldg.
Rainbird	\$74,555.00	\$59,000.00
Metron, Inc	75,507.00	18,453.00
Gardner Excavating, Inc	94,500.00	37,000.00

The lowest base bid price is Rainbird Corp, the lowest combined bid is with Metron. Both of these companies have a number of successful installations in the state. Gardner's bid did not include enough information to fully evaluate it.

Issue Before the Council: Does council wish to award the base bid to Rainbird Corporation as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder?

Alternatives: Approve the base bid to Rainbird without the building; include the add alternate and award the bid to Metron; not take any action at this time and provide further guidance to staff.

Fiscal Impact: It is costing us almost \$0.40 per thousand gallons to treat the water we are spraying on the grass on the golf course. Last year they used 25,230,000 gallons of treated water on the back nine at a treatment cost of \$10,092. It does not take long to recoup our investment at this rate.

Legal Opinion: City Attorney will be present for comment.

Conclusion: This project was started for a number of reasons: to avoid using treated water for irrigation purposes; to allow us to limit the size of the new treatment plant by taking some of the load off of the system; to decrease the load on our potable distribution system; to free up more of our well water for potable uses while making fuller use of the water we acquired when we bought the ranch. The proposed system meets all of these needs.