

**CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 26, 2016
12:00 P.M.**

Mayor Glass called the special meeting of the Sulphur Springs City Council to order at 12:02 p.m. The following council members and staff were present:

Mayor Emily Glass
Mayor Pro Tem Clay Walker
Councilman Oscar Aguilar
Councilman Kayla Price-Mitchell
Councilman John Sellers

Absent: Councilman Craig Johnson
Councilman Freddie Taylor

Staff: Marc Maxwell, City Manager
Gale Roberts, City Secretary
Peter Karstens, Finance Director
Robert Lee, Utilities Director
James Jordan, WWTP Superintendent
Jeff Sober, Garver Engineering

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Glass led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag as well as the Pledge to the Texas Flag. City Manager Maxwell led in the invocation.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A CONTRACTOR FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) IMPROVEMENTS

Finance Director Karstens presented the staff report. After several years of preparations, the city went out for bids for the reconstruction of the wastewater plant. The city received three bids. The bid documents ask for a base bid and one alternate – the headworks. The bids received were as follows:

| | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Alternate/Headworks</u> |
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| Gracon Construction Mesquite, Texas | \$17,507,400 | \$2,662,000 |
| UCI Wichita, Kansas | \$18,989,400 | \$2,200,000 |

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| Eagle Contracting* Keller, Texas | \$18,990,100 | \$1,889,000 |
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The low bid as highlighted in yellow is Gracon Construction, Inc.

**Eagle's total bid was actually marked as \$19,515,000 but the addition of the bid's component parts was incorrect.*

The bids were about 10% higher than what was estimated eight months ago which represents about 2,000,000.

City staff and Garver Engineering are recommending the low bid submitted by Gracon Construction, Inc. Gracon will accept the change order written into the contract as awarded that extends the construction time for an additional nine months to thirty-three months with a deduct in the cost of the contract of \$120,000 which reflects the extra engineering observation and administrative cost of the extension. Both Garver and Gracon understand that it is critical to get this project moving as soon as possible and to complete the initial elements of the project as close to the original schedule as possible.

There was a general discussion. There was no one else to speak to the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Walker moved to accept the bids and award the contract to Gracon in the amount of \$17,507,400 extending the construction time for an additional nine months to thirty-three months with a deduct in the cost of the contract of \$120,000. Councilman Sellers seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The motion carried.

ADJOURN

With no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Glass at 12:13 p.m.