



AGENDA 7c

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## Internal Memo

August 28, 2019

TO: Mark Meyers, City Administrator

FROM: Gerald Bartoszek, Public Works Director **GAB**

SUBJECT: Water Service Connections – Sole Source Bid Authorization

My staff has been working with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) to connect additional houses impacted by PFAS contamination to City water. EGLE desires to expedite the connection of nine (9) additional houses.

Muskegon County Public Works, acting as an agent for the City on the Drinking Water Contaminant Remediation grant that we accepted in July, took bids for the installation of four (4) services including the connection to the internal plumbing to the new service and the abandonment of the existing water well. The County only received one bid which was from Northern Pipeline Contractors.

We pursued bids to connect two (2) of these nine (9) houses as their water well exceeded the threshold for PFAS contamination. The funding for these connections will come from the State under a Part 201 Environmental Remediation grant. We did not get any bids for the connection of these two (2) houses. We then contacted Northern Pipeline and persuaded them to provide us bids for the work at these two homes. The bid was under \$10,000; therefore, it does not require Council approval.

As EGLE desires to connect an additional seven (7) houses that are near the threshold level for PFAS, we need to obtain bids from a contractor to connect these houses. Since we, nor the County, have been successful in obtaining more than one bid, I am requesting authorization to contract with Northern Pipeline for the connection of these homes as a sole source. Northern Pipeline is willing to provide prices and perform the work.

EGLE has provided us a grant agreement for Council consideration to connect these nine (9) houses to City water. It should also be noted that EGLE will completely reimburse the City for our costs to perform the work under their grant program.

The bids for these additional seven (7) connections can be presented to Council for their approval prior to the work being authorized.

It is my desire for this request to be included on the September 3, 2019 City Council agenda for their consideration.