

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA
A G E N D A R E P O R T**

AGENDA _____ 19
DATE August 20, 2002

ITEM: FINAL PAYMENT - FIRST AVENUE NORTHWEST WATER AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS - O.F. 1322

INITIATED BY: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVE FINAL PAY REQUEST

PRESENTED BY: JIM REARDEN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of Final Payment to United Materials of Great Falls, Inc. and the State Miscellaneous Tax Division for the First Avenue Northwest Water and Street Improvements - O.F. 1322.

MOTION: "I move the City Commission approve the Final Payment to United Materials of Great Falls, Inc. and the State Miscellaneous Tax Division in the amount of \$30,349.30 for the First Avenue Northwest Water and Street Improvements O.F. 1322, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents and make the payments."

SYNOPSIS: At the request of James Talcott Construction and Pizza Hut, a project was initiated last year to pave an unimproved (gravel surface) segment of 1st Avenue NW between 3rd Street NW and those businesses located to the east. Prior to the project, the gravel surface was subject to breakup which in turn required frequent maintenance by the City. Furthermore, traffic on the gravel was a continual source of dust.

An agreement was made with those businesses to pay for one-third of the cost of the roadway improvements each with the City paying for the other third.

United Materials has completed all the contract work in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The final contract amount is \$71,939.40. Change Order No. 1 increased the contract amount by \$993.65. Funding is available from the Street Maintenance fund to pay for the City's one-third share of the roadway improvements and from the Water Capital Improvements fund to pay for the water main replacement.

The project was substantially complete on July 2, 2002, the same date that the two-year warranty period began

BACKGROUND: Three bids were received on April 24, 2002. United Materials of Great Falls, Inc. submitted the low bid and was awarded the contract in the amount of \$70,945.75.

The project improvements included approximately 200 lineal feet of new 35-foot wide paved street with curb and gutter, 300 lineal feet of 12-inch diameter water main replacement, replacement of two existing fire hydrants, and miscellaneous water service replacement and abandonment.

Initially the project was to include paving only. City staff decided that the roadway should be constructed to City standards including curb and gutter. It was also decided that a 34-year-old water main needed to be replaced beneath the roadway prior to the roadway improvements.

Neil Consultants provided design services and prepared the plans and contract documents. City engineering staff handled the construction engineering and project management.