

CITY OF GREAT FALLS

AGENDA # 16

A G E N D A R E P O R T

DATE: September 7, 2004

ITEM: CONTRACT BID AWARD: 7TH AVENUE NORTH STORM MAIN EXTENSION, O.F. 1415

INITIATED BY: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

ACTION REQUESTED: CONSIDER BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACT

PRESENTED BY: JIM REARDEN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

MOTION: "I move the City Commission award a contract in the amount of \$68,225.00 to Shumaker Trucking and Excavating Contractors, Inc. (Shumaker), for the 7th Avenue North Storm Main Extension, O.F. 1415 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract."

PROJECT TITLE: 7th Avenue North Storm Main Extension, O.F. 1415

RECOMMENDED CONTRACTOR: Shumaker Trucking and Excavating Contractors, Inc.

CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$68,225.00

ENGINEERS ESTIMATE: \$63,850.00

BUDGETED FUND: Unscheduled Storm Drain Development

START DATE: September 2004

COMPLETION DATE: Mid October 2004 (28 Calendar Days)

PENALTY/INCENTIVE TERMS: Liquidated Damages, \$400.00/Day

SYNOPSIS: This project is being done in conjunction with the Electric City Soccer Park. The existing storm main in 7th Avenue North will be extended east to connect to the new storm drain system installed at the Soccer complex.

City Staff is recommending award of this contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Shumaker Trucking. Shumaker has performed very well on a number of utility and road construction projects, including 6th Street Northwest – Northwest Bypass to 16th Avenue Northwest utilities and roadway reconstruction; 18th Avenue North / 52nd Street North Roadway Reconstruction; and, most recently, the grading and utility work for the Electric City Soccer Park.

Volk Sand & Gravel (Volk) submitted the low bid of \$60,150.00. However, their bid form was not filled out properly, lacking the required corporate seal and date of qualification to do business. There is also a deep concern with the prior performance of Volk on the Central Avenue & 3rd Avenue North Water Main Replacement Project and more recently (winter of 2004) on the Furniture Row water main extension. The company's performance has not improved with time and it is the opinion of staff that Volk is not the lowest responsible bidder for the 7th Avenue North Storm Main Extension.

BACKGROUND: The City reviews all bids after they are opened to insure that all calculations are correct and all required forms are filled out properly. In this case, Volk did not properly fill out the Bid Form. This is the primary reason for rejecting Volk's bid.

There is also concern with their past work history. The following are some of the problems previously encountered:

1. The Central Avenue and 3rd Avenue North project went 44 days past the completion date. This caused a much longer than reasonable inconvenience to pedestrians, adjacent residents, and businesses, as well as detouring traffic. The problems were caused because Volk supplied inadequately experienced employees, lacked key pieces of equipment, failed to provide adequate and competent supervision, and generally failed to affectively manage the project. Subcontractors and suppliers were not paid in a timely manner, and perhaps not at all. Besides inconvenience to the neighborhood and general public, City staff had to spend extra time inspecting and managing the project. Time lost in this project caused the delay in other important projects that needed to get done.
2. Furniture Row is a project Volk constructed for a private developer in late 2003 and early 2004. The water main became a City utility once completed and was to be installed according to standard specifications. However, there was no inspection by the private consultant during the time the water main was being installed. The City had Volk dig up three areas along the water main to verify that pipe installation was done according to approved specifications. This inspection determined that the water main was not at proper depth and not properly bedded at all three locations. Volk was then required to reinstall the water main according to standard specifications while an inspector was on site. The Commission was notified of these problems in the December 19, 2003, weekly memo, which is attached.

This project will connect the Soccer Park onsite storm water detention pond with the City storm drainage system. It will extend the existing 21-inch storm main in 7th Avenue North at Pine Ridge Court to 52nd Street North and the new detention ponds. 7th Avenue North, which is a bus route and important connector street, will be closed during construction. It is vital that the street be repaved and reopened as rapidly as possible to minimize disruption, stay ahead of winter weather, and serve the access and storm drainage needs of the Soccer fields.

Six bids were received and opened for this project on August 18, 2004. The bids ranged from \$60,150.00 to \$80,869.01. Shumaker Trucking and Excavating submitted the second lowest bid at \$68,225. The attached bid tabulation summarizes this information.

City Engineering Staff, in conjunction with Thomas Dean and Hoskins, completed the project design. City Staff will also perform construction inspection and contract administration duties.

Attachment: Bid Tabulation

December 19, 2003 weekly memo & letter

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BID TABULATION SUMMARY

7th Ave. No. Storm Main Extension
 O.F. 1415

Project Number _____
 Bids Taken at Civic Center
 Date: August 18, 2004
 Tabulated By: Dorée Russell

	Name & Address of Bidder	Acknowledge Addendum #1	Acknowledge Addendum #2	10% Bid Security	Affidavit of Non-Collusion	Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities	Certificate of Compliance with Insurance Req.	Total Bid
1	Falls Construction Co. 1001 River Dr. No. Great Falls, MT 59401	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$77,063.00
2	Volk Sand & Gravel 1505 14th St. SW Great Falls, MT 59404	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$60,150.00
3	Phillips Construction 795 Ulm-Vaughn Rd. Great Falls, MT 59404	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$68,380.00
4	Zaco, Inc. 1143 Franklin Ave. Great Falls, MT 59405	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$80,869.01
5	M & D Construction P.O. Box 2728 Great Falls, MT 59403	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$71,476.00
6	Shumaker Trucking, Co. P.O. Box 1279 Great Falls, MT 59403-1279	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$68,225.00
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10	Engineer's Estimate							\$63,850.00