

AGENDA REPORT

DATE January 22, 2008

ITEM: REJECT BIDS: REPLACE ROOF AT FIRE STATION #2, 731 6TH STREET NW

INITIATED BY: GREAT FALLS FIRE RESCUE

ACTION REQUESTED: REJECT BIDS

PRESENTED BY: RANDY MCCAMLEY, FIRE CHIEF

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the following motion.

MOTION:

"I move the City Commission reject all bids for Fire Station #2's roof replacement.

SYNOPSIS:

The bid opening was held on January 9, 2008 with five bids submitted. The roof replacement project at Station #2 was budgeted for \$70,000.00. The lowest bid came in at approximately \$79,000. Staff recommends rejecting all bids because just prior to the bid opening tests indicated that there was asbestos in the old roof fabric. Two bidders had included this in their bid and two had not. In the spring of 2008, staff will rebid the roof project and include the issue of asbestos after determining the best solution.

BACKGROUND:

Station #2 still has its original 35 year old roof, which according to engineers is in poor condition and can no longer be repaired. Additionally the original roof is poorly insulated which makes the building energy inefficient. So repairing this roof is imminent. Staff based the cost of Station #2's replacement of the roof on the replacement of Station #4's re-roof conducted last fiscal year which cost approximately \$65,000.00. Staff requested \$70,000.00 to replace this roof.

Since it has been found that the existing roof contains asbestos the lowest two bids did not address asbestos removal. The project will require a rebid to include the asbestos removal in the specifications. The abatement of the asbestos significantly adds to the project. Staff needs additional time to study alternatives that may lessen the cost of this complete job. ie. containment verses removal.

Attachment: bid tab