



Item: Purchase of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate

From: Water Treatment Plant

Initiated By: Public Works Department

Presented By: Jim Rearden, Director of Public Works

Action Requested: Approval of Bid

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission accept the low bid from Thatcher Company and authorize staff to purchase liquid aluminum sulfate in the amount of \$285 per dry ton for FY 2008/09.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls for the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission accept the low bid from Thatcher Company in the amount of \$285 per dry ton for liquid aluminum sulfate for FY 2008/09.

Background: Liquid aluminum sulfate is used in the water treatment process to coagulate suspended particles in the raw water stream to allow their removal. Specifications and bid materials were prepared for the purchase of liquid aluminum sulfate for the Water Treatment Plant for the upcoming fiscal year. Notices were sent out to all prospective bidders and publicly advertised. The low bid from Thatcher Company, our current supplier, was acceptable as submitted.

Bids were accepted on May 7, 2008 for FY 2008/09 Water Treatment Plant chemical needs. Thatcher Company, of Missoula, Montana, provided the lowest acceptable bid for liquid aluminum sulfate at \$285 per dry ton. This Commission action would award a contract for FY 2008/09.

Concurrences: not applicable

Fiscal Impact: This price reflects a 3.6% decrease from the FY 2007/08 contract price. The new contract would allow for the purchase of a maximum of 700 dry tons for a total cost of \$199,500.

Alternatives: not applicable

Attachments/Exhibits: Bid Tab attached