

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Emergency Warning Siren System

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend acceptance of the quote and issuance of a purchase order to West Shore Services in the amount of \$198,540.00 for the replacement of the City of Saginaw's emergency warning siren system.

This vendor meets all requirements of the Contract Compliance Provisions, Title 1, Chapter 14, §14.35-14.44, of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances.

Funds for this purchase are budgeted in the Capital Outlay Radio Equipment Account No. 660-4422-791-9750

Justification:

On September 24, 2008, the City received a quote for the purchase of a Federal Signal 2001 Electro Mechanical siren system. This system is used to warn the public in the event of natural disasters (tornados, thunderstorms, etc), or in the case of National Security. The current siren system throughout the City of Saginaw is antiquated and no longer reliable due to the age of the equipment and the lack of available parts. During the past two years, there have been several sirens that have failed during testing and one complete system failure, which took approximately two months to find used parts to repair the system.

West Shore Services is a sole source provider as they are the only company that can provide turnkey services for a Federal Signal siren system. They are a licensed electrical company and do their own installations. They are the Federal Signal distributor for the State of Michigan. Federal Signal sirens were chosen as they meet the construction standards that the City of Saginaw Engineering Dept. has determined are necessary to provide an adequate level of reliability and longevity, along with warranties on both equipment and installations.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.