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From: The City Manager

Subject: Wastewater Treatment Pebble Quicklime Purchase

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that the bid received from Carmeuse Lime for Calcium Oxide Pebble Quicklime for the Wastewater Treatment Plant be accepted and that purchase order number 37261 be issued to them in the amount of \$181,892.81 for 1,301-tons of Calcium Oxide Pebble Quicklime for fiscal year 2009. I also recommend that a purchase order be approved and issued to them in the amount of \$252,864.00 for 1,800-tons of Calcium Oxide Pebble Quicklime for fiscal year 2010.

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 Sewer Operation and Maintenance Chemicals Account No. 590-4830-861.73-02 and will be budgeted in the same account for fiscal year 2010.

Justification:

On April 22, 2008, the City received bids for the supply and delivery of 1800 tons of Calcium Oxide Pebble Quicklime from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 and for a second year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This material is used in the treatment process for biosolids stabilization. Western Lime Corporation had the lowest bid for Calcium Oxide Pebble Quick Lime and a purchase order was issued to them. After using the Western Lime product for three (3) months, it became apparent that the product would not slake properly and was generating an excessive amount of waste. The problem was discussed with the supplier and operational changes were tried. This

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failed to correct the problem. The Western Lime representative couldn't offer any more suggestions to eliminate the waste and conceded that his product would not work for us. He agreed that we should cancel the Purchase Order with Western Lime and seek another supplier.

Due to the need of the product for operations, a purchase order was issued to Carmeuse Lime. Carmeuse Lime was the second lowest bidder for this product and their bid was only slightly higher than Western Lime's bid (\$3,044.34 for fiscal year 2009 and \$4,464.00 for fiscal year 2010).

Council Action:

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