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From: The City Manager

Subject: Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. Agreement

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that the Agreement with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. ("HRC") be approved and a purchase order be issued to them in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00. This Agreement has been approved by me as to substance by the City Manager and the City Attorney as to form.

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

The funds are available in the Sewer Operation and Maintenance Engineering Services Account No. 590-4830-861-8002.

Justification:

The City's Wastewater Treatment Plant is nearly 60 years of age. The secondary treatment portion of the plant is nearly 40 years old. The recent construction project at the plant upgraded and refurbished the oldest parts of the plant and replaced some of the original equipment from the 1950's. The proposed projects address replacing the mechanical aerators in the aeration tanks, the sludge collector mechanisms and drives, and effluent weirs and baffles in the secondary treatment stage of the plant with new technology and mechanical equipment.

These projects are eligible for funding consideration under President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus package. The funding is administered through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The Michigan

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Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) accepts project plans and proposals for the CWSRF on a very rigid quarterly schedule. To qualify for the ARRA stimulus money, the project design must be completed and submitted to the MDEQ for the first quarter approval by the end of July. Stimulus funds are only available in the first quarter financing schedule. To promote use of stimulus funds, ARRA has authorized up to forty percent (40%) principle forgiveness of the CWSRF loan. On these projects, the principle forgiveness could save the City of Saginaw more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

HRC has submitted a proposal for the scope of services required to design the project. The amount of the Agreement would not exceed \$175,000.00.

Council Action:

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