

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Purchase of Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend acceptance of the low bid received from Paragon Laboratories Inc. and issuance of a purchase order to them in the amount of \$4,830.00 for fiscal year 2010 and \$4,830.00 for fiscal year 2011 totaling \$9,660.00 for the purchase of whole effluent toxicity testing.

This vendor meets all requirements of §14.23, "Vendors," of "Purchasing, Contracting, and Selling Procedures," of Chapter 14, "Finance and Purchasing," of Title 1, "General Provisions" of the Saginaw Code of Ordinances O-1.

Funds for this purchase are available in the Sewer Operation & Maintenance Operating Services Account No. 590-4830-861.80-05.

Justification:

On June 16, 2009, the City received bids for the purchase of Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing for the Wastewater Treatment Division. This testing is a requirement of the plant's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. The bids received are as follows:

	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>
Paragon Laboratories Inc. Livonia, MI	\$4,830.00	\$4,830.00
Environmental Resource Management Holland, MI	\$5,320.00	\$5,320.00
ASCI Corporation Duluth, MN	\$9,100.00	\$9,800.00
EA Engineering Science & Technology Sparks, MD	\$18,634.00	\$18,634.00

The cost for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 represents a 6% decrease over fiscal year 2009.

Council Action:

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