

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Moisture Balance Analyzer

**Manager's Recommendation:**

I recommend acceptance of the sole bid received from VWR International and issuance of a purchase order to them in the amount of \$2,524.08 for the purchase of a moisture balance analyzer.

This vendor meets all requirements of §14.23, "Vendors", of "Purchasing, Contracting, and Selling Procedure," 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 Laboratory Equipment Account, No. 590-4830-861.97-40.

**Justification:**

The moisture balance analyzer is used on a daily basis to determine the concentration of solids removed from the wastewater treatment system and the concentration of biosolids applied to the local farm fields as required by the MDEQ in our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. The old moisture balance analyzer has out-lived its useful life and has become unreliable and expensive to maintain. Sealed bids were opened on September 22, 2009 and VWR International was the sole bidder.

**Council Action**

Council \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved.