

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Grit Snail Parts

**Manager's Recommendation:**

I recommend that payment be made to Pumps Plus Inc. in the amount of \$9,175.20 for an emergency purchase order of grit snail parts to be used by the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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 and Maintenance Parts and Supplies Account No. 590-4830-861.73-30.

**Justification:**

On October 30, 2009, one of the two grit snails at the wastewater treatment plant failed. The grit snail is part of a process to remove grit from the plant influent and convey it to a dumpster. After maintenance disassembled and inspected the unit, it was determined that the belt and several other parts would need to be replaced. During dry weather flows, the plant can operate with just one snail in service. However, during wet weather events, both snails are needed to handle the increased volume of grit. Pumps Plus, Inc. is the representative for Eutek, manufacturer of the grit snail, and is the sole source for replacement parts.

**Council Action**

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