

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Water Treatment MDEQ Laboratory Analysis

**Manager's Recommendation:**

I recommend that the blanket purchase order (#038852) issued to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality be increased from \$1,950.00 to \$3,000.00 to perform various routine tests.

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 Water Treatment Operating Services Account No. 591-4730-861.80-05.

**Justification:**

The Water Treatment Plant is mandated to perform various routine tests as a result of several Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) regulatory requirements. Copies of the results must be furnished to the MDEQ and local county health departments. The MDEQ laboratory performs most of the required testing in their laboratory and sends copies of the results to the appropriate regulatory agencies. Also, any laboratories other than the MDEQ laboratory would have to be certified by the MDEQ and/or EPA to perform the analysis. Due to the fact that the MDEQ requires submittal of this information and performs the analysis in their laboratory, the competitive bidding process was forgone. The quantity of tests required was recently and unforeseeably increased. It is recommended to increase the current blanket purchase order from \$1,950.00 to \$3,000.00 to cover the cost of the increased testing. The cost for testing of the increased parameter at the MDEQ laboratory is comparable to other private laboratories.

**Council Action:**

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