

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: KSB Inc. Agreement

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend that the Agreement with KSB Inc. ("KSB") be approved and payment be made to KSB in the amount of \$43,944.00 for emergency purchase of four grit pumps (P. O. #040278). The Agreement is subject to my approval as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

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 budgeted in the Sewer Operation and Maintenance Repairs and Replacements Account Number 590-4840-881-9720.

Justification:

There are four grit pumps that pump grit from the bottom of the head cells to the grit slurry cup. Due to the abrasive nature of grit, staff has been coating these pumps with a ceramic coating. The coating only lasts for three months and as a result staff must pull the pumps and sandblast and recoat them. This process has been costing the City \$1,800.00 every three months in materials alone.

KSB informed staff that the pumps are now available in hardened steel, which will no longer require ceramic coating. Furthermore, KSB advised City staff that there would be a substantial price increase in January 2010, so an emergency purchase order was issued to lock in the 2009 price. KSB is the manufacturer and the sole source for KSB pumps. Monies were budgeted in capital improvement for fiscal year 2010.

Council Action:

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