

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: WPC FACILITY BIOSOLIDS DISPOSAL OPERATIONS –
ACCEPTANCE OF FIRST YEAR’S WORK AND AWARD OF SECOND
YEAR OF CONTRACT**

BACKGROUND:

On April 12, 2016, City Council awarded a \$60,406.25 contract to Nutri-Ject Systems, Inc. of Hudson, Iowa to complete the first year of a contract for biosolids disposal at the Water Pollution Control Facility. The contract is renewable annually for up to a total of three years, dependent upon successful performance by the contractor each year. Unit rates for annual renewals are pegged to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Construction Cost Index (CCI). For this renewal period, the price adjustment is 2.5%.

All work on the first year’s contract was completed to the satisfaction of staff and in accordance with the requirements of the contract. Staff recommends that Council accept completion of the work under the first year’s contract. Staff also recommends award to Nutri-Ject Systems, Inc. for the second year of the agreement in the amount of \$50,400. **The FY 17/18 operating budget includes an allocation of \$100,000 for this work.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept completion of the first year’s contract and award a contract in the amount of \$50,400 to Nutri-Ject Systems, Inc. of Hudson Iowa for year two of a three-year agreement for biosolids disposal.
2. Do not accept completion of the first year’s contract and do not award a contract at this time and direct staff to solicit new bids for biosolids disposal.
3. Do not award a contract and direct staff to pursue equipment purchases to allow staff to perform this operation using city resources.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Disposal of biosolids at the WPC Facility is necessary for uninterrupted operation of the facility and continued compliance with the facility’s NPDES permit. Nutri-Ject System, Inc. has demonstrated their ability to complete the work under this project by successfully completing prior biosolids hauling work for the City of Ames. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.