COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FY 2023/24 PEBBLE LIME PURCHASE FOR WATER TREATMENT

BACKGROUND:

Pebble lime is used in the water treatment process to remove water hardness. Approximately 2,900 tons are used annually, and it is the largest chemical cost for the Water Plant. On June 30, the City's existing contract for a supply of lime will expire. This existing contract is with Graymont Western Lime, Inc.

The expiring contract did not contain provisions for renewal, so the contract had to be rebid. Therefore, staff initiated an invitation to bid for a new lime supply contract for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and continuing through June 30, 2024. The invitation to bid contained an option for an extension into FY 2024/25. On May 3, 2023, bids were received as follows:

Bidder	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	Optional Extension 7/1/24-6/30/25
	Price Per Ton	Price Per Ton
Graymont Western Lime Inc. West Bend, WI	**$232.00**	**No bid**
Mississippi Lime Company St. Louis, MO	**$246.78**	**No bid**
Lhoist North America of Missouri, Inc. St. Genevieve, MO	**$596.87**	**No bid**

The low bid of $232 per ton for FY 2023/24 represents a 3.11% increase over the current contract pricing. Staff is recommending approval of the contract with Graymont Western Lime Inc. of West Bend, WI. The FY 2023/24 operating budget estimates 2,900 tons at $247.50 per ton for a total of $717,750.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract for the purchase of pebble lime in FY 2023/24 to Graymont Western Lime Inc. of West Bend, WI at $232 per ton.

2. Reject all bids and attempt to obtain the required supplies on an as-needed basis.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

An adequate supply of pebble lime is essential for the established water softening process at the City's Water Treatment Plant. Graymont Western Lime Inc. has demonstrated the ability to dependably provide this product at a competitive rate. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.