

ITEM # 16
DATE: October 14, 2008

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SANITARY SEWER CLEANING

BACKGROUND:

The Operations Division of the Public Works Department has been soliciting bids for sanitary sewer cleaning for several years. There were usually two bids: One for the smaller pipe (18" to 24") and one for the trunk line pipe (27" to 60"). The amount spent on each of these bids was under \$50,000 and was approved by the City Manager.

The bid for 2008/09 combines these two bids into one bid that covers all pipe sizes. The original contract period will start after Council approval and run through June 30, 2009. This bid also had contract renewal options for four additional contract periods. The bid was based on a price per lineal foot for cleaning 8" up to 60" sanitary sewer.

Six bids were received with Midwest Trenchless Technologies, Inc. of being the lowest bidder for the original contract period and the lowest overall bid for the possible five year contract. A listing of all bids received follows:

Bidder	Est. Cost for Year 1	Total Estimated Cost For 5 Years
Midwest Trenchless Technologies, Inc., Belle Plaine, MN	\$105,435.93	\$559,773.66
Hydro-Klean, Inc., Des Moines, IA	\$114,560.30	\$620,495.54
Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc., Pewaukee, WI	\$114,028.80	\$630,081.10
Municipal Pipe Tool Co., LLC, Hudson, IA	\$135,169.18	\$757,216.35
Central Iowa Televising, LLC, Story City, IA	\$165,907.17	\$916,741.84
Mid-America Pipe Services, LLC, Moscow Mills, MO	\$437,313.07	\$2,368,628.65

The Operations Division has estimated that 978,000 lineal feet of 8 to 60 inch pipe needs to be cleaned, and had hoped to clean one fifth of the total footage each year. The Public Works Department has \$95,000 budgeted for sanitary sewer cleaning for 2008/09, and will clean as much pipe as possible with the budgeted amount. A total of \$85,000 will be used for this contract, leaving \$10,000 for miscellaneous cleaning that may be outside the scope of this contract.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a contract with Midwest Trenchless Technologies, Inc. of Belle Plaine, MN for sanitary sewer cleaning at a total cost of \$85,000.00.
2. Reject all bids and attempt to purchase sanitary sewer cleaning as-needed.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Combining the previous two bids into one bid will make the sanitary sewer cleaning process more efficient, more consistent, and more manageable.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve a contract with Midwest Trenchless Technologies, Inc. of Belle Plaine, MN for sanitary sewer cleaning at a total cost of \$85,000.00.