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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: LIQUID SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE PURCHASE FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND POWER PLANT

BACKGROUND:

The Water Treatment Plant and the Power Plant each use large quantities of chemicals in their operations. **This contract is for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite during FY 2026/27, which is used for disinfection in the water treatment process at the Water Plant and treatment of cooling tower water at the Power Plant.**

The following bids were received on May 8, 2026 for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite:

Bidder	FY 2026/27 Price per Gallon	Optional FY 2027/28 Price per Gallon
Rowell Chemical Corp., Hinsdale, IL	\$1.72	\$1.80
Hawkins, Inc., Roseville, MN	\$1.89	No Bid
Brenntag Great Lakes, LLC	\$2.10	No Bid

Staff is recommending an award for FY 2026/27 to Rowell Chemical Corp. with a unit price of \$1.72 per gallon, which is a \$0.11 per gallon decrease compared to the current contract of \$1.83 per gallon. Actual usage of sodium hypochlorite will depend on water quality and customer demand.

The FY 2026/27 Water Plant operating budget estimates 68,000 gallons for a total of \$116,960 based on the bid cost from Rowell Chemical. The budget includes \$136,000 for sodium hypochlorite. The Power Plant operating budget estimates 20,000 gallons for a total of \$34,400, with \$50,000 budgeted for sodium hypochlorite.

Bidders were given the option to provide a bid for FY 2027/28. Rowell Chemical Corp. included a bid of \$1.80 per gallon for the optional second year. City staff will evaluate next spring whether to recommend that the Council award the second year of the contract or seek new bids.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite to Rowell Chemical Corp. of Hinsdale, IL at \$1.72 per gallon for FY 2026/27.
2. Determine that a different bid is in the best interests of the City and award a contract to that bidder.

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

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Liquid sodium hypochlorite is an essential treatment chemical, as it provides the final disinfectant barrier that keeps drinking water and cooling tower water safe from microbial contaminants. Competitive bids were solicited, and the low bid will allow both the Water and Electric utilities to remain within their respective budgets for this chemical. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.