



GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET



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| Meeting Date | 05/27/2020 | Department | Wastewater |
| Agenda Item | 4.d Hoyle Tanner Process and Electrical Upgrade at WWTP/Interim Financing for Project Upgrade/Set Interim Financing Public Hearing Date | | |
| Est. Cost | n/a | | |

Background Information

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is in the process of an upgrade to many facets of the operation.

As the team navigated through the funding and upgrade requests with USDA-Rural Development, it was determined that the 'full' project could not be completed without substantial increases in user fees beyond the currently pre-approved 4% for FY2. Because of that fact, it was decided that the project needed to be scaled back at this time. It was also noted that Rural Development (RD) indicated because user rates are relatively low compared to similar communities, the grant funding may be hindered.

The City Council is being asked to first award the contract to Evoqua with a condition on the contract that upon approval of the shop drawings, they will need written authorization from the city to move forward with fabrication. This will protect the city in the event RD proposes a less than anticipated grant offer. That being said, the RBCs are a critical component and DEP will require this upgrade, so the risk to the City is low because these RBCs will need to be procured and replaced this year regardless of the funding package.

*Note that the Evoqua bid came in under budget.

Daniel Marks from Hoyle Tanner will be present to answer questions and provide details.

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| Requested Action | 'I move to award the contract to Evoqua and set the Public Hearing for Interim Financing in the amount of \$3,532,000 for June 10, 2020 and June 24, 2020 respectively.' |
| City Manager and/or Finance Review | The City Manager recommends the above action. |
| Council Vote/ Action Taken | |
| Departmental Follow-Up | |

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