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## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From: Wm. H. Cohrs, III, PE, PLS  
Re: CDBG Waterline Project  
Date: February 3, 2020

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### **BACKGROUND**

In 2018 the City received a Community Development Block Grant to install some new and larger water lines in the Village Subdivision located just north of 141<sup>st</sup> St. and East of State Highway 51 and bounded on the north by 138<sup>th</sup> St. The grant was in the amount of \$ 169,950.00, with the City providing Construction match of \$189,861.00 for a total construction cost of \$359,811.00. Bids were received in May of 2019, ranging from \$350,000.00 for the low bid to a high bid of \$817,390.00. Council awarded the bid to the low bidder at the June City Council meeting. The low bidder was notified of the award and they were to begin getting their bonds in place. Unfortunately the low bidder was unable to secure the necessary bonds and at the September Council meeting Council rescinded the award. None of the other bids were low enough for the City to award the project to another bidder.

Staff worked with the Consultant that prepared the original water line plans to make adjustments to the plans in an attempt to get a revised project that would keep the same number of residents included in the project and get the project cost within the existing budget. The northern line was removed from the base project and was included as an add-alternate bid item. The Base project as revised has an estimated cost of \$409,240.00. This is still approximately \$50,000.00 over what was originally budgeted for the construction portion of the project.

I have discussed with the grant administrator, Andy Armstrong, as to whether or not additional grant funds were available and he indicated that there were not any. Therefore the project is back to council to see if council would like to proceed with re-advertising the project to see if it will come in under the estimated cost. If the project is at or more than the current estimated cost the City will be responsible for all construction costs over the budgeted amount of \$359,811.00.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council increase the Cities match on the project by \$50,000.00, and authorize staff to re-advertise the project.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

CDBG Budget  
Engineers Opinion of Probable Cost