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To: Edward Carr

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Date: March 3, 2011

Re: First Avenue Lift Station bids

As a result of the Project Buffer expansion, a \$720,000 grant was secured to upgrade a section of the sanitary sewer system that is tributary to the First Avenue Lift Station and to revamp the lift station. This upgrade will be paid for by the grant and funds budgeted in the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Water Reclamation budgets.

In August 2009 the City Council approved an \$115,000 engineering agreement with Willett-Hofmann for design and construction services work on the project. Matt Hansen prepared the design and bidding specifications for the project. The project scope is to install 475 feet of 24-inch sewer, to convert the dry well lift station to a submersible type, and to raze the existing building. The anticipated cost of the project was \$817,390.

The project was originally bid on July 29, 2010, and the single bid from Stenstrom Construction of Rockford was \$1,199,879. RMU and its consultant reviewed the bid, recommended that it be rejected and that the project be re-bid in the spring of 2011. It was hoped that more contractors would bid on the project and that the bids would be more competitive.

Subsequent to the required public notice, bids were opened on March 3, 2011. Six bids were received, and four of bids were less than the engineer's estimate of \$817,390. Fischer Excavating of Freeport is the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$720,130.26. The bids were:

Fischer Excavating, Freeport	\$ 720,130.26
GO Excavating, Freeport	\$ 740,789.00
H. Linden, Yorkville	\$ 747,781.00
Martin and Company, Oregon	\$ 793,399.00
Stenstrom, Rockford	\$ 940,302.00
Civil, Freeport	\$1,033,003.00

Matt Hansen and the RMU staff reviewed the bids and confirmed that Fischer Excavating of Freeport is the apparent qualified low bidder. Fischer Excavating completed two other successful projects for RMU, the Tilton Park water and sewer main replacement and the Steward/Caron Ritchie sewer and water main extension.

The project is scheduled to start in April with the installation of the new sewer main, vaults and manholes. This work will be done while the new control panel is manufactured, and that is expected to take about eight weeks. Once the control panel is installed, the existing lift station will be demolished.

I recommend that the City Council accept the lowest responsible bid from Fischer Excavating of Freeport.