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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 25, 2023
To: Bruce Westby, P.E., City Engineer / Director of Public Works
From: Kevin Kielb, P.E., Principal Engineer
Subject: Bid Results and Recommendation
Lift Station #10 Improvements
City Project No: 23-11

Two bids were received for the Lift Station #10 Improvements project (City Project #23-11). The bids were publicly read aloud at 10:00 A.M. on May 25, 2023. The bids were then reviewed, tabulated and the results are summarized below:

CONTRACTOR	TOTAL BID
Meyer Contracting Inc.	\$1,461,454.93
Geislinger & Sons	\$1,547,105.00

The engineer's estimate for the project was \$1,210,885.00.

A review of the bids and discussions with the low bidder indicate that continuing price inflation is being seen for concrete, large diameter PVC pipe, pumps, and electrical equipment. When compared to bids received last year for the Lift Station No. 9 improvements, prices for the lift station and valve vault increased by 62%, or approximately \$248,000.00. We had projected a 20% increase in our engineer's estimate for this item. This accounted for the majority of difference between the engineer's estimate and the low bid. Meyer Contracting indicated that trucking costs also factored into the higher bids received, with those cost increases being seen across most of the bid items.

While there is the option of re-bidding the project, there is the potential of seeing continual inflation which would then result in receiving higher bid prices.

If the City of Ramsey decides to award the project to the low bidder, we recommend awarding the contract to Meyer Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$1,461,454.93.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 968-7760.