

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Rob Sperl, Director of Parks and Planning
Steve Hinchee, Superintendent of Planning

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Prairie HVAC Bid Results

DATE: October 5, 2020



SUMMARY:

The Prairie office building (855 Prairie) has a total of eleven furnaces and air conditioners. Four of the furnaces and their respective air conditioning units are over 20 years old and need to be replaced.

Earlier this year we had a consultant assess the systems to determine if there was a better way to operate the building. They identified that these types of furnaces typically have a useful life of 7-1/2 to 10 years and that we should replace the units with like systems.

As budget allows, the goal would be to eventually replace all the units over the next 3 years. The new replacement units will be much more efficient and require less maintenance.

Bid specifications were sent out to the contractors on September 16, 2020 and bids were opened on September 30, 2020. The results were as follows:

CONTRACTOR	BID AMOUNT
Air Rite*	\$25,583
MG Mechanical Services	\$29,650
Red Feather Group	\$37,770
Helm Mechanical	\$38,700
Amber Mechanical Contractors	\$45,300
Vision Construction	\$52,000

*The low bidder Air Rite did not acknowledge the addendums or provide any of the necessary bid docs, bid bond or references.

The next lowest bidder, MG Mechanical Service's references were checked, and they were found to be very favorable.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

N/A

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Account: 10-101-856-52-5210-0000	Budget: \$32,400
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STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:

Our legal counsel provided the front-end bid documents and sample legal agreement that will be used with the selected bidder. Additionally, they reviewed the Air Rite proposal and deemed them to be an unresponsive bidder and recommended that we reject their bid. Their written opinion is attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

Written opinion from our legal counsel.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's reject the bid from Air Rite.

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's accept the bid from MG Mechanical Services for \$29,650 along with a 10% contingency.