

**Item 25-0879: Request to award construction services to RJM Construction in the amount of \$828,500 with a 10% contingency of \$82,850 for a project total not to exceed \$911,350**

Finance Committee

Mon, Jul 21, 2025 5:30PM

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:48**

25-0879, request to approve a resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance and establishing parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$8,800,000 stormwater system revenue refunding bonds, Series 2025, and all related details.

**Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:04**

Move to approve.

**Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 15:05**

Second.

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 15:06**

All right, we have a motion a second. Any questions? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed. Abstentions? That passes four to zero. All right, that is—takes care of the block of bonding and revenue.

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 15:21**

So, we got one more action item, 25-0845, request award construction services to RJ M construction in the amount of \$828,500 with a 10% contingency of \$82,850 for a project total not to exceed \$911,350.

**Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 15:40**

Move to approve.

**Alderman Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 15:42**

Second.

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 15:43**

Motion and second and any questions or any comments, Director Gazza? And no questions? Alder Croatt.

**Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:52**

Thank you, Chair. Just a question for Director Gazza about the memo. It says four contractors took out bid documents and only one responded. The one that responded, are they the company that did the other work in the building?

**Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 16:08**

No, they're not. They're the company that—they did do some work in the health department, but it was not the other company that we had the delay issues with and so forth. And they also just completed a project for us at Pierce Park and did a nice job that we're happy with.

**Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 16:24**

Okay, thank you. Yeah, it was—that's why I was asking. And to the original comment was, is the fact that there was only one response is—you have any thoughts on that? Or?

**Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 16:36**

Okay. Thank you.

**Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 16:36**

No. I—you know could be type of work, how busy they are. I'm not sure. Specifically, no one—no one had indicated specifically any of that. But the one thing I will say is that being the one contractor taking out the thing and it was a mandatory walk through, so the company should have known that they were the only bidder. The fact that they didn't take advantage of us or try to take advantage of us, was was—I was very pleased about that. But I also know the owner of the company is trying to build a long-term relationship with the city and has, you know, a vision that way and doesn't operate job to job.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 16:53**

All right. Anyone else? Seeing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? And that passes four to zero. That's all we have for action items tonight.