From: David B. Koch, P.E. 05 January 2023

To: City of Bexley, Ohio, Board of Control

Subject: City of Bexley Ductile Iron Pipe Purchase for the Chelsea Avenue Water Main Improvements

Members of the Board,

I have completed the analysis of the bids received for the furnishing of Ductile Iron Water Pipe for the proposed Grandon Avenue Water Main Improvements Project. The attached bid tabulation shows the lowest and best bid for the work is from Core & Main at a bid price of $207,554.94 for the pipe materials required in the bid documents for the base bid. The bid by Core & Main is approximately four percent lower than the Engineer’s Estimate of $215,000.00 for this work and appears to be fair and reasonable.

We were able to obtain three price quotes for the materials. The other bids were submitted by Ferguson Waterworks for $208,529.00 and EJ Prescott for $238,733.00 for the pipe materials only.

Core & Main’s bid was complete, and all information requested was provided and properly filled in. They indicated that they could deliver the pipe in two shipments per our request so that we do not have to store all the materials in the limited space we have on site. The first shipment would arrive in June, in time for our proposed project to begin in July of 2023 and the second shipment would be tentatively scheduled for August.

Core & Main has previously supplied pipe materials for the City of Bexley and many surrounding cities in Central Ohio. Because of the long lead times and supply issues currently effecting the bidding and construction of public works projects we are recommending the City of Bexley purchase these materials in advance so that they will be available without excessive delay.

We recently bid a similar project (Grandon Avenue) and the times quoted for delivery were up to 50 weeks to obtain pipe. The prices and lead times quoted were excessive so after conferring with the contractors and suppliers we have decided to procure the pipe directly and bid the Chelsea Avenue project once the furnishing of materials was certain. This will allow us to obtain the materials in a timely and cost-effective manner. We plan to bid the Chelsea Avenue project with the information that pipe will be furnished and will be available for construction to commence in the Summer of 2023. This will provide for more competitive bidding and should lower the bidding prices for the installation.

I have also confirmed with our funding source (OPWC) that we can bill the invoices for the pipe materials to the project and they will disburse funds directly to the supplier. A copy of the email correspondence is attached.

Contingent on the Board of Control’s review and approval I recommend the contract be awarded to Core & Main for the total amount of Two Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Ninety Four Cents ($207,554.94) for the purchase of the pipe.

Subject to your approval please authorize the bid on the signature spaces below.

Please call me at (614) 949-8102 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David B. Koch, P.E.

City Engineer

Approved By: City of Bexley Board of Control

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