



Memo

To: Honorable Mayor Armitage; City Council
From: Amy E. Gilson, PE - Director of Public Works
Date: July 26, 2022
Re: Staff report on Water Service Potholing Budget

Background

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) requires municipalities to verify the material of all water service lines in three locations by 2025. In 2021 the city was awarded a \$350,700 grant for the “potholing” identification of 346 of the approximate 2,000 undocumented water service lines. The city added funds to pothole an additional 394 services. The DPW has been potholing services as time allows, but there are still approximately 1,200 more services to pothole by 2025. The FY 22-23 Water & Sewer budget allocated an additional \$100,000 for a contractor to perform potholing services. Even with that money, the 2025 deadline is going to be difficult to meet.

Because there will be grant funds remaining after the current project, it would benefit the city to apply the FY 22-23 potholing budget to the current project. By doing so, we will be leveraging the grant to record and update the GIS system with the extra work. Additionally, with a program in place, our expectations known, and a lack of time, it will provide for a seamless process.

Recommendation

We are recommending that the contract with Fishbeck be amended to apply the FY 22-23 budgeted \$100,000 toward the current project.

Financial Impacts

The amount budgeted in FY 22-23 will also be used in a financially responsible way. The funds have been budgeted in the Water and Sewer Fund, and there will be no impact on the General Fund.

Suggested Motion

City Council approves the contract amendment with Fishbeck in the amount of \$100,000 to procure more potholing in conjunction with the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant.