



Agenda # 7  
*Commission Meeting Date: July 2, 2013*  
**CITY OF GREAT FALLS**  
**COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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**Item:** Final Pay: Public Works Sanitation and Street Building Addition, O. F. 1455.5

**From:** Engineering Division

**Initiated By:** Public Works Department

**Presented By:** Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

**Action Requested:** Approve Final Pay Request

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

"I move the City Commission approve Final Payment for the Public Works Sanitation and Street Building Addition O.F. 1455.5, in the amount of \$495.00 to Wadsworth Builders Company, Inc. (Wadsworth), and \$5.00 to the State Miscellaneous Tax Fund and authorize the City Manager to make the payments."

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls for the vote.

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**Staff Recommendation:** Approve Final Payment Request.

**Background:**

Significant Impacts

This project added 3,406 square feet to the existing sanitation and street building. The addition now houses the street and sanitation offices, employee break/meeting room, and locker/wash rooms.

Workload Impacts

Gordon Whirry Architecture (Whirry), was awarded a contract by the City Commission on February 21, 2012, for design services for this building addition. Whirry designed the project and performed construction inspection. City engineering staff performed contract administration duties.

#### Purpose

On November 9, 2011, a safety and compliance audit was conducted by the Risk Manager and the Public Works Safety Committee. The audit recommended the offices for the Sanitation and Street Divisions be moved to an area where they are not exposed to the smoke and exhaust from the trucks and equipment. The ventilation system was so bad that the vents in the office areas, break room and locker rooms were black with soot and had to be cleaned monthly. The furnace filters were changed more frequently than normal due to the heavy smoke and exhaust that was forced to go through them. The ceilings and walls were black with soot from the smoke and exhaust. Ashes fell on the staff desks and computers. The new facilities are physically separated from the existing building to ensure no transfer of air pollution. The new facility provides a safe and clean work environment.

#### Original Bid Opening:

Three bids were received for this project on June 20, 2012. The bids ranged from \$561,900.00 to \$650,000.00. Wadsworth Builders Company, Inc., submitted the low bid.

#### Commission Award Date:

The City Commission awarded the contract to Wadsworth Builders Company, Inc., on July 3, 2012.

#### Final Payment:

The final project cost is \$560,142.48. This is \$1,757.52 less than the amount that was awarded and approved. Credit for an approved bathroom tile change and administrative costs recovered due to a schedule over run, account for the change in contract price.

#### Project Work Scope:

The project houses the street and sanitation offices, employee break/meeting room, and locker/wash rooms in a new addition separate from the vehicle bays.

#### Conclusion:

City staff recommends making the Final Payments. City staff and Whirry have verified that Wadsworth has completed all work and punch list items in accordance with the plans and contract. The project exceeded the contract time by four months. The two year warranty period started at the time of substantial completion which was May 8, 2013.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

The construction was funded through the Street Maintenance Building Improvement fund and a loan from the Equipment Revolving Schedule Fund.

#### **Alternatives:**

The City Commission could vote to deny Final Payment.