



**Item:** Final Payment: Southeast Great Falls Wastewater Improvements - O. F. 1451.2

**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 that the City Commission (approve/not approve) Final Payment for the Southeast Great Falls Wastewater Improvements in the amount of \$14,373.78 to Phillips Construction, LLC and \$145.19 to the State of Montana Miscellaneous Tax Division and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents and make the payments."

2. Mayor requests a second to the motion, Commission discussion, public comment, and calls for the vote.

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

**Summary:** City staff has verified that Phillips Construction has completed all work in accordance with the plans and contract documents. The project was completed within the 120-calendar day contract time.

**Background:**

Significant Impacts:

The project was initiated to extend the City's sanitary sewer system to serve the south eastern portion of the City including the East Great Falls Retail Center Addition where the Wal-Mart development is planned. The above improvements will be able to serve existing businesses currently served by private wastewater systems, and surrounding undeveloped land both inside and adjacent to the City. Also, the improvements will provide more dependable sewer service to existing customers and eliminate the City's relatively high maintenance cost associated with an additional public lift station which was able to be eliminated.

Project Work Scope: The project installed a 325 gallon per minute capacity wastewater lift station at 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 47<sup>th</sup> Street South with provisions for future expansion, constructed a new access roadway to the lift station, installed 530 lineal feet of 8 inch diameter force main, up-sized 700 lineal feet of existing sewer main in 15<sup>th</sup> Alley South between 35<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Streets, extended 4,300 lineal feet of new 8 and 15 inch diameter sewer main from the lift station to a termination near 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, extended 140 lineal feet of 20-inch casing pipe and 8-inch sewer main across 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South including the abandonment of an existing public wastewater lift station at 49<sup>th</sup> Street, abandonment of an existing private wastewater lift station at the Agri-Village retail store and restoration of disturbed utilities, roadways, parking lots, landscape and agricultural areas.

Evaluation and Selection Process:

Four bids were received on May 20, 2015 with the bids ranging between \$1,478,787.00 and \$1,778,115.00. Phillips Construction submitted the low bid of \$1,478,787.00 and was awarded a contract on June 2, 2015.

Conclusion: The final project cost is \$1,451,897.12, which is \$26,889.88 less than the contract amount. The two-year project warranty started at the time of substantial completion, which was November 3, 2015. The delay in processing of final payment is a result of having to wait for favorable temperatures for completion of some of the punch list items.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This project is funded by the City's Sewer Utility. Wal-Mart has paid their share of the improvement costs which is \$347,847.00.

**Alternatives:**

The City Commission could vote to deny the Final Payment.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** N/A