

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM IX



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

August 6, 2012

From: Brian J. Sullivan, Municipal Services Director

Subject: Sanbornton Well Field, Annual Well Development and Replacement Project for Fiscal Year 2014

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Franklin City Council, in accordance with the Franklin City Code Article III Section 4-15,B(3), grant pre-award authorization to the Municipal Services Director for the use of Barrie Miller's Well and Pump Service for the "Sanbornton Well Field, Annual Well Development and Replacement Project" and for "Water Department Emergency Pump Repair and Well Repairs/Rehabilitation."

Discussion: The Municipal Services Department wishes to continue with the development and installation of new 2 ½" replacement wells at the Sanbornton Well Field. Over the past ten years, the City has utilized the services of Barrie Miller's Well and Pump Service on a time and materials basis for such work. To date, approximately thirty two replacement wells have been installed at an average of \$6,000 each. Barrie Miller is one of a few commercially licensed well drilling companies who are capable of providing both commercial drilling and accompanying pump repair service. As a result the MSD Director as in the past, requests single source purchasing authorization from the City Council

The condition of the Sanbornton Well Field is such that only the most experienced and knowledgeable well drillers familiar with its' system should be utilized to do the work. Because of the age of the system and the fragile nature of this well field and its pumping station, I strongly recommend the City continue utilizing the services of this company for fiscal year 2012. Barrie Miller's familiarity with the project, based on his past involvement, make him the most qualified company to serve and protect the City's interests. Barrie has also maintained all other City well fields and pumping stations in excess of twenty years.

Concurrences: An appropriation of \$25,000 is included in the FY 2013 operating budget for the Water Department. This annual appropriation and project is identified in the Water Department's Capital Improvements Program and will continue through 2015.

Fiscal Impact: Costs for materials associated with this job continue to escalate. The \$25,000 appropriation should allow us to replace approximately 4 wells on a time and materials basis. The City also budgets for emergency well and pump repairs in its Water Department's Operating Budget.

Alternatives: Performing no well replacement and maintenance will compound the problem in future fiscal years, adding to the cost. Due to the age of the well points, deferring replacement is not an option as about 15 of the existing wells have either failed or are not pumping at capacity. There is no alternative to well replacement.

Attachments/Exhibits: none

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