

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM VII



August 3, 2015 City Council Meeting

**Subject: Contract with Provan and Lorber
For remaining work associated with the replacement of
Haynes Brook Culbert on Central Street**

Motion: “I move that the Franklin City Council, pursuant to Article III, Sections 4-15 B(3) and E(1) of the City Code and based on the findings below, authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Provan and Lorber for all of the remaining work associated with the replacement of the Haynes Brook culvert on Central Street.”

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and the vote.



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting of August 3, 2015

From: Richard Lewis, Planning and Zoning Director

Subject: Authorization for Award of Engineering Contract

Recommended Motion :

"I move that the Franklin City Council, pursuant to Article III, Sections 4-15 B(3) and E(1) of the City Code and based on the findings below, authorize the City Manger to award a contract to Provan and Lorber for all of the remaining work associated with the replacement of the Haynes Brook culvert on Central Street.

Discussion / Concurrences:

As you will remember, the City of Franklin has been awarded grant funds for the replacement of the Haynes Brook Culvert on Central Street. One of the critical foundations for this application seeking these funds were the design drawings for the work which wee prepared by the engineering firm of Provan and Lorber in the 2009-2010 time frame. These drawings were prepared under a separate and specific contract between the City and Provan and Lorber.

Once the grant funds are authorized by the Governor and the Executive Council, the City will move into the next phase of the project. This work will include wetland permitting, the preparation of final bid documents, the analysis of the submitted bids, and construction oversight. Some preliminary bidding document work was performed when the design drawings were prepared.

It is the opinion of City staff that the following findings support the granting of the engineering contract to Provan and Lorber without any additional competitive bidding:

- The engineers at Provan and Lorber have already analyzed all of the critical aspects of the proposed replacement of the Haynes Brook Culvert, and prepared draft design and construction drawings;
- The engineers at Provan and Lorber have already analyzed the construction work and have prepared preliminary bid numbers and as complete draft bid document, which can be updated quickly and easily;
- The design work that Provan and Lorber has undertaken gives their engineers a through understanding of the field conditions that can assist in the preparation of all required state or federal permits, including a wetland impact permit.
- If the City was required to enter into a competitive bidding process for the remaining engineering work, any successful firm would need to spend time and money to develop a full understanding of the project; since the City will need to carefully manage the expenses of this project in order to fit within the appropriated combination of City funds and grant funds, keeping expenditures under control is an important consideration.
- The City had Provan and Lorber prepare these drawings and the bid documents in order to be best situated to move into the permitting and construction phase of the project. Entering into a competitive bidding process for the remaining engineering work undermines the value of the funds which the City has already expended for the work performed to date by the staff at Provan and Lorber.

Concurrences:

The City Manager, the Municipal Services Director, and the Finance Director all support this request to the City Council for authorization of the referenced sections of the City Code.

Fiscal Impact:

As noted above, if the City had to undertaken competitive bidding for the remaining work, City staff is confident that there would be additional City funds necessary to appropriately complete all of the engineering and permitting work for this project.

Alternatives:

The Council can vote to not authorize this contract award option and to require full competitive bidding.