

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING JUNE 19, 2019

1. **Call to order.** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Bert Echterling.
2. **Roll Call.** Councilmembers present: Jimmy Rogers, Jim Mastergeorge, Bert Echterling, Jeremy Stivener, and Steve Janics. Councilmembers Brenton Lane and Jimmy Eubank were absent.
3. **Consider and possible action awarding the contract for the South Pond Force Main Reroute and Downstream Gravity Extension to BRCT, LLC dba Blackrock Construction for a total cost of \$1,499,693.** City Manager Craig Lemin and Clark Gauer with Walker Partners presented this item to Council. Mr. Lemin stated we recently went out for bid for the South Pond Force Main Reroute and Downstream Gravity Extension, and the engineer's opinion of probable cost for the project was \$1,540,000. Mr. Lemin stated two companies submitted bids, and the low bid from BRCT, LLC dba Blackrock Construction for \$1,499,693. Clark Gauer stated Walker Partners has worked with Blackrock Construction on two previous projects, and they found their work acceptable on one project, they felt Blackrock Construction's performance was unsatisfactory on the other project. Mr. Gauer said due to this, they requested additional information which is noted in their recommendation letter which Blackrock Construction provided. Mr. Lemin stated Blackrock has indicated they are ready, willing and able to meet the requirements of the contract including the requirement that the Tate section of the project be completed before school resumes. Mr. Lemin said Blackrock has demonstrated that they have completed numerous other utility projects of similar size and scope, and the cities of Hewitt and Lorena have indicated that Blackrock Construction has performed acceptably on their projects. Mr. Gauer is requesting that we consider full time Resident Project Representative services during this project or at a minimum, at least for the first 30 to 60 days of the project. Harold Gamblin, Owner/Operator of Blackrock Construction was in attendance and available for questions. Mr. Gamblin provided a brief overview of their work history as well as the issues faced regarding the unsatisfactory project. Mayor Bert Echterling asked Mr. Gamblin if he was aware of the critical timeline. Mr. Gamblin stated yes, and Blackrock was ready to start the project in order to meet the deadline if awarded. Councilmember Jeremy Stivener motioned to award the contract for the South Pond Force Main Reroute and Downstream Gravity Extension to BRCT as presented. Councilmember Steve Janics seconded this motion. Voting in favor: Rogers, Mastergeorge, Stivener, Janics, and Echterling. There were no opposing votes and motioned carried unanimously.
4. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.