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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FY 2026/27 PEBBLE LIME PURCHASE FOR WATER TREATMENT

BACKGROUND:

Pebble lime is used in the water treatment process to remove water hardness. Approximately 2,900 tons are used annually, and it is the largest chemical cost for the Water Plant. On June 30, the City's existing contract for a supply of lime will expire.

The expiring contract did not include a provision for a renewal, so the contract has been rebid. The invitation to bid contained an option for an extension into FY 2027/28. On April 21, 2026, bids were received as follows:

Bidder	7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027 Price Per Ton	Optional Extension 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027
Mississippi Lime Company St. Louis, MO	\$248.93	\$257.93
Graymont Western Lime Inc. West Bend, WI	\$251.00	\$260.00
Lhoist North America of Missouri, Inc. St. Genevieve, MO	\$729.78	No Bid

The low bid of \$248.93 per ton for FY 2026/27 represents a decrease of 0.90% compared to the current contract pricing of \$251.20 per ton. Staff is recommending approval of the contract with Mississippi Lime Company, St. Louis, Mo. The FY 2026/27 operating budget estimates 3,300 tons at \$268 per ton for a total of \$884,400.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract for the purchase of pebble lime in FY 2026/27 to Mississippi Lime Company of St. Louis, MO at a unit price of \$248.93 per ton.
2. Determine that another bid is in the best interest of the City and award to that bidder.
3. Reject all bids and attempt to obtain the required supplies on an as-needed basis.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

An adequate supply of pebble lime is essential for the established water softening process at the City's Water Treatment Plant. Mississippi Lime Company has demonstrated the ability to dependably provide this product at a competitive rate. The bid price from Mississippi Lime is a decrease from the prior year contract and is below the budgeted unit price. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.