

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Brian Heaston
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SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Professional Services Agreement with Morrison Maierle, Inc. for the Municipal Groundwater Supply Project.

MEETING DATE: February 4, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Agreement - Vendor/Contract

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Professional Services Agreement with Morrison Maierle, Inc. for the Municipal Groundwater Supply Project.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 6.1 Clean Water Supplies: Ensure adequate supplies of clean water for today and tomorrow.

BACKGROUND: The 2013 adopted Integrated Water Resources Plan identifies groundwater as a significant new municipal water supply source to meet the City's projected 50-year future demands. The City selected Morrison Maierle through a competitive qualifications-based selection process to continue the municipal groundwater supply project. The attached professional services agreement (PSA) has been negotiated to provide initial phase services for the project.

The initial phase consists of a substantial groundwater modeling effort to identify locations in and around the City that are likely to contain favorable aquifer conditions and viable mitigation alternatives. This modeling will inform development of a test well drilling and aquifer testing program, test well designs, and water right mitigation approaches for identified well sites. The existing test well drilled at the Bozeman Sports Park will be further evaluated as part of this initial phase. Subsequent phases of the project will consist of drilling test wells, aquifer testing, and model updates necessary to prepare municipal groundwater water right permit applications and mitigation plans for MT DNRC review.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the City Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: The negotiated PSA amount for the initial phase of this project is \$455,700. The FY26 biennial budget and FY26-30 Commission-adopted capital improvement plan for the water impact fee fund contains \$1,622,400 for

project 'WIF33 – Test Well & Mitigation System Program'. An administrative budget amendment will occur to bring sufficient WIF33 funding forward into FY25 to authorize the PSA and initiate the project early. The current water impact fee fund balance is adequate to support this budget amendment.

Attachments:

[Final PSA Combined - Morrison Maierle - corrected.pdf](#)

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