

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: FY2020/21 PEBBLE LIME PURCHASE FOR WATER TREATMENT**

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 14, 2019 Council awarded Pebble Lime purchase to Graymont Western Lime, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Pebble lime is used in the water treatment process to remove water hardness. Almost 3,000 tons are used annually and it is the largest chemical cost for the Water Plant.

On April 23, 2019, bids were received for fiscal year 2019/20 with an optional extension for fiscal year 2020/21.

BIDDER	July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020		Optional Extension 7/1/20-6/30/21	
	Price Per Ton	Estimated Total Cost	Price Per Ton	Estimated Total Cost
Graymont Western Lime Inc. West Bend, WI	\$162.00	\$486,000	\$166.00	\$498,000
Mississippi Lime Company St. Louis, MO	\$226.00	\$678,000	No bid	
Lhoist North America of Missouri, Inc. St. Genevieve, MO	\$276.82	\$830,460	No bid	

The total estimated cost in the table above is for an estimated quantity of 3,000 tons per 12-month period. Actual usage will depend on water quality and consumption. The FY 2020/21 operating budget estimates 2,850 tons at \$166 per ton for a total of \$473,100.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1) Renew the contract for the purchase of pebble lime to Graymont Western Lime Inc. of West Bend, WI. The contract provides lime at \$166 per ton for FY 2020/21.
- 2) Reject all bids and attempt to obtain the required services on an as-needed basis.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Acquiring an adequate supply of pebble lime is essential for the established water softening process at the City's Water Treatment Plant. Graymont Western Lime Inc. has demonstrated the ability to dependably provide this product at a competitive rate.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1.