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**Department of Utilities**

**To:** Chairperson Kathy Plank and Members of the Finance Committee

**From:** Wastewater Operations Supervisor Robert Kennedy

**cc:** Utilities Director Chris Shaw  
Utilities Deputy Director Chris Stempa

**Date:** August 27, 2014

**Re:** *Approval of a construction contract in the amount of \$730,922 plus a 15% contingency of \$109,638 for a total of \$840,560 to August Winter & Sons Construction Company for the Bar Screen Replacement Project.*

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The 2013 Wastewater capital budget included \$1,000,000 for design and installation of a second fine screening device to provide equipment redundancy, improve screening performance, increase preliminary screening capacity, and provide bypass capabilities under extreme high flow conditions. In May 2013, Strand Associates engineering firm was approved to provide engineering services for the project. The Strand contract requirements included: preparation of bidding plans, specifications, and to conduct contract administration services. Strand Associates has worked with Appleton Wastewater Treatment Plant (AWWTP) staff in the past year to evaluate equipment options and provide plans, specifications and project drawings. The final step in pre-construction was solicitation and review of contractor bids.

The bidding documents specified screening equipment from two manufacturers that AWWTP staff and engineering firm personnel had deemed to have an equivalency to screening and compacting equipment installed as part of the 2008 Bar Screen #3 replacement project. The following table identifies the contractor quotes and pricing:

Company	Bid
August Winter & Sons Inc.	\$730,922
J.F.Ahern Co.	\$818,500
Coenen Mechanical LLC	\$910,675

Strand Associates recommended contract award to August Winters & Sons based upon their review of the bids submitted. Strand has determined that August Winter & Sons Construction

Company satisfies all requisites of the bidding process and that they are qualified and capable of performing this work. In addition to the recommendation, the August Winter & Sons Construction Company has satisfactorily completed project work for the wastewater division in the past.

**Recommendation:**

I am requesting approval of a Construction Contract for the Bar Screen Replacement Project to the August Winter & Sons Construction Company in an amount of \$730,922 plus a 15% Contingency of \$109,638 for a total not to exceed project cost of \$840,560.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this project please contact Robert Kennedy at 920-832-2349 or Chris Shaw at 920-832-5945.