

Q/A for February 21, 2023

File #	Agenda #	Title	Requester Responder
23-0148	I-6	Approve the award of Bid 23-026, Biosolids Removal Services, to Stewart Spreading, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$588,380 and for a 22-month term	
	Q.	Is the City testing these bio solids for "forever chemicals" such as PFAS before sending it to be spread on agricultural farmland? I know that the IL EPA does not yet require this testing, but I am hoping the City is forward thinking as to this potential health concern especially after the Chicago Tribune's expose on "forever chemicals" this past Fall.	<i>Bruzan Taylor</i>
	A.	No, the City does not test biosolids for PFAS chemicals before it is applied to agricultural farmland. There are thousands of chemicals that are classified as PFAS. With respect to biosolids, there is not yet an approved analytical method for PFAS. A draft method has been developed that tests for 40 PFAS compounds and is expected to receive multi-lab validation in 2023. The EPA is currently reviewing the PFAS issue and is in the process of establishing regulatory limits or MCLs. Staff continues to monitor this issue and will work with our regional and state partners to stay compliant with all regulations.	<i>Blenniss</i>
23-0103	I-7	Approve the award of Option Year One to Bid 22-059, EAB Insecticidal Treatments, to Kinnucan Tree Experts and Landscape Company, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$270,000	
	Q.	How many more years do we have to treat these trees? Has the bug moved on or still a threat?	<i>Hinterlong</i>
	A.	While the beetle pressure is much lower than when the city began treatments, it is still present. We will continue to phase out treatments for EAB by lengthening treatment cycles and continuing to remove poor condition ash trees.	<i>Dublinski</i>
23-0153	I-8	Approve the award of Option Year One for Bid 22-016, Lift Station Force Main Inspection, to RJN Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$184,500	
	Q.	Are these bids estimated by length or pipe size by diameter inch? Just trying to figure out the justification for the increase?	<i>Hinterlong</i>
	A.	The pricing is determined by both length of pipe and diameter size. In 2023, we are inspecting more lineal feet of larger pipe than what was performed in 2022. In addition, rising labor costs were cited as another factor for the price increase over 2022.	<i>Blenniss</i>
23-0200	L-1	Pass the ordinance approving a purchase and sale agreement between the City of Naperville and LTF Real Estate Company for the sale of 12.55 acres of City property located at the southeast corner of Route 59 and 103rd Street to LTF Real Estate Company for \$6,560,000 (requires seven positive votes)	
	Q.	As to the remaining 4 acres subject to LTF's "right of first refusal," does this mean if the City wanted to sell these acres to extend its affordable/attainable housing (like we did with Gorman), that we would need to first give LTF the opportunity to buy the land themselves? My understanding of "right of first refusal" says that it would, which gives LTF power to decide whether Council can expand affordable/attainable housing at this site. This provision concerns me.	<i>Bruzan Taylor</i>
	A.	To address this concern staff recommends that the City Council approve the ordinance subject to LTF agreeing to amend the agreement to allow affordable housing as a permitted use on the outlots and not be subject to the right of first refusal by LTF.	<i>Novack</i>