



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 04

For Meeting of 03/31/16

**ITEM TITLE:** Consideration of Change Order No. 1 for the Southeast Trunk Sewer Phase 2

**CONTACT PERSON:** Tim Hoskins, Public Works Director

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

In June of 2015, the Council adopted a resolution addressing the use of administrative change orders on capital projects. An administrative approval of a change order would be limited to circumstances where the amount is no greater than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). This policy would only be used when conditions are time sensitive due to project progress and prior council approval would not be possible. The process is as follows:

- 1) Recommendation by the Project Engineer
- 2) Recommendation by the Public Works Director
- 3) Approval by the Finance Director/City Clerk in the Finance Director's absence.

In this case, the engineer recommended this action as a possible solution to the problem. The Public Works Director also recommends the action taken and the Finance Director was also in agreement.

Change Order No. 1 for the Southeast Trunk Sewer Phase 2 was necessary due to unforeseen conditions involving the well on Bidwell's property that is adjacent to the new sewer main installed. When the new sewer was installed it had a granular envelope placed around the pipe to secure it in place. There was also field tile installed on both sides of the excavation as part of the easement agreement with the property owner. After the project was completed Bedwell's noticed that their shallow well, which is used to provide water for the green houses, was not recharging. It is believed that the cause of the lack of ground water is due to the new sewer servicing as a drain in the area with water traveling in the rock envelope placed around the pipe. As an attempt to correct the situation, a soil/Bentonite Trench Plug was installed to seal off the water traveling around the sewer main. The contractor had a very short window of availability to get this work completed when his schedule and the weather would allow.

Cost: This change order results in an increase to the project in the amount of \$10,159.46

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ Contract \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Contingency \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER No. 1 FOR THE  
SOUTEAST TRUNK SEWER PHASE 2 WITH POHLMEIER CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Norwalk entered into a construction contract with Pohlmeier Construction, Inc. for the Southeast Trunk Sewer Phase 2 Project; and

WHEREAS, additional work has been requested by City of Norwalk staff to install a trench plug in the new sanitary sewer trench in an effort to seal off the travel of ground water around within the pipe envelope and assist in the recharge of an adjacent well; and

WHEREAS, the extent of this change is an add to the contract in the amount of \$10,159.46.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, IOWA, that the City hereby approves Change Order No. 1 resulting in an add to the original contract of \$10,159.46 for a new total of contract amount of \$323,069.46.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016

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Tom Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jodi Eddleman, City Clerk

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Isley	___	___	___
Kuhl	___	___	___
Lester	___	___	___
Livingston	___	___	___
Riva	___	___	___