MINUTES
VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2025

**A MOTION** by Councilman Gibbs, seconded by Councilman Harden, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve a new Contract with River North Transit, LLC for Public Transit Services for the City of Valdosta.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Andy Gibbs, Councilman - District 6 **SECONDER:** Nick Harden, Councilman - At Large

**AYES:** Harden, Tooley, McIntyre, Howard, Carroll, Gibbs

## LOCAL FUNDING AND REQUESTS

## Consideration of a request to rebuild two, 385 Horsepower FLYGT pumps located at the Gornto Road and Remer Lane Force Main Stations.

Jason Barnes, Utilities Director, stated that pumps were commissioned in 2016 at the Withlacoochee Water Pollution Control Plant and are responsible for pumping wastewater from Gornto Road (YMCA) and Remer Lane (Remerton) through a six plus mile Force Main to the Withlacoochee Water Pollution Control Plant. Without these pumps, the Withlacoochee Water Pollution Control Plant would not receive any flow causing 70% of the City of Valdosta's wastewater to go into the river. As the pumps get older, the wear items must be replaced, as well as replacing seals and bearings to lower the risk of failure during operation. The two pumps up for rebuild are out of service due to excessive wear and are required to be rebuilt before being put back in service. Jason Barnes, Utilities Director, recommended that Council approve the sole source proposal submitted by Xylem Water Solutions in the amount of \$124,192.31 for the rebuild of pumps at the pumps located at the Gornto Road and Remer Lane Force Main Stations.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Howard, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the sole source proposal submitted by Xylem Water Solutions in the amount of \$124,192.31 to rebuild two, 385 Horsepower FLYGT pumps located at the Gornto Road and Remer Lane Force Main Stations.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Eric Howard, Councilman - District 4
SECONDER: Tim Carroll, Councilman - District 5

**AYES:** Harden, Tooley, McIntyre, Howard, Carroll, Gibbs

## Consideration of a request to approve payment for the emergency sewer system repairs to the Sugar Creek Basin.

Jason Barnes, Utilities Director, stated that on January 6, 2025, City Staff discovered that the Sugar Creek 30" gravity trunk line had deteriorated and failed which caused the sewer to run over into the Sugar Creek Basin. RPI Underground's services were solicited to establish and maintain an emergency bypass to isolate the damaged portion of the City's gravity sewer system. The scope of work completed by RPI Underground for the invoiced work period is as follows: