MINUTES
VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2025

(1) Plug existing gravity sewer main, (2) Provide, install, and maintain emergency bypass, (3) Provide, install, and maintain  $\pm$  2400 feet of 12" force main, and (4) Pump rental, pipe rental, and maintenance from 01-07-25 to 02-07-25. Jason Barnes, Utilities Director, recommended that Council approve payment to RPI Underground in the amount of \$49,410 for the emergency bypass installation and first month rental for the Sugar Creek emergency sewer system repairs

**A MOTION** by Councilman Gibbs, seconded by Councilman McIntyre, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve payment to RPI Underground in the amount of \$49,410 for the emergency bypass installation and first month rental for the Sugar Creek emergency sewer system repairs.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Andy Gibbs, Councilman - District 6
SECONDER: Thomas B. McIntyre, Councilman

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

## Consideration of a request to approve payment for emergency repairs for the Sugar Creek Armoring and Gornto/Force Main Stabilization.

Jason Barnes, Utilities Director, stated that on January 6, 2025, City Staff discovered that during the severe rain event which occurred on November 7, 2024, the stream bank of Sugar Creek had destabilized and eroded. This rapid bank destabilization and erosion exposed the 30" ductile iron Gornto Road Force Main in such a way that put the City at substantial risk of an environmental disaster. The decision was made by City Staff to reconstitute and armor the bank to protect the Force Main adequately from damage and failure due to impact of weathering. RPI Underground's services were solicited to make the necessary repairs to the City's utility system in conjunction with work performed nearby to this location where the City's 30" gravity sewer trunk line had failed. The scope of work completed by the RPI Underground for the invoiced work period is as follows: (1) Clear/grub existing brush and debris to access the creek bank, (2) Provide and install one, 30" bell restraint to ensure adequate closure of ductile iron Force Main during and following bank reconstitution operations, (3) Provide and install approximately 576 cubic yards of sandy clay fill to reconstitute creek bank, (4) Provide and install + 6,510 square feet of Flexamat Armor System, and (5) Provide and install seed and mulch through disturbed areas in order to stabilize the work area. Jason Barnes, Utilities Director, recommended that Council approve payment to RPI Underground in the amount of \$164,900 for emergency repairs to the Sugar Creek Armoring and Gornto/Force Main Stabilization.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Gibbs, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve payment to RPI Underground in the amount of \$164,900 for emergency repairs to the Sugar Creek Armoring and Gornto/Force Main Stabilization.