



Committee of the Whole Meeting – Oct. 7, 2019 Staff Responses to Questions

Before each Committee of the Whole or City Council meeting, questions that have been posed by the City Council relating to [the agenda](#) for that evening will be posted to the City's website. Below are the responses to this week's questions.

Agenda Item 3: Items of Business

C) Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Engineering Agreement with Rempe-Sharpe & Associates, Inc. at a Cost Not to Exceed \$32,500 for Dodson Water Tower Painting Inspection Services

Q: Will the Dodson water tower painting project be an additional \$32,500 over budget? I recall from Sept. 16 that the Jetco amount by itself exceeded the budget estimate.

A: Funds for this portion of the project are budgeted independently from the amount previously approved for the painting project. This engineering and inspection work was not included in the estimate for the painting and repairs that are to be completed by Jetco. This work may be accomplished within the Public Works Engineering Division's existing engineering services budget.

Q: Is it typical to engage a consultant for this type of inspection work? Was this performed the last time a water tower was repainted, and what was the total cost?

A: Yes, it is typical. There are numerous conditions and specifications that need to be followed during the paint removal and application process. In addition to these conditions, this tower also requires repairs to the concrete foundation and safety improvements that require welding. The last time this service was needed was in 2013 at a cost of \$36,050. The 2013 project did not include inspection time for sandblasting of the exterior, concrete repairs, or safety improvements required for the Dodson Tower.

Q: *Why are we entering a contract with an unknown amount? Hourly rates are through Dec. 31, 2019, yet the timing of the project is spring 2020. The contract allows for the provider to revise hourly rates. Should there be some protection for Geneva here, or make the contract not to exceed?*

A: The contract does contain a clause limiting the amount to \$32,500. The engineer may not exceed this amount unless authorized by the City of Geneva.