

STAFF REPORT

Date: August 14, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Gerhardt & Berry Construction Inc., for the Sky Tavern Septic Conversion Project in an amount not to exceed \$207,953. (Parks General Project Fund)

From: Jonathan Smith, Senior Civil Engineer

Department: Public Works

Summary:

Sky Tavern is a City of Reno facility located off Mt. Rose Highway. The property has operated for over 75 years and provides the community with summer and winter sports training and recreation. Due to its age, the existing septic system is failing and needs constant maintenance. The Sky Tavern Septic Conversion Project includes the abandonment of the existing septic system, installation of approximately 225 linear feet of sanitary sewer, and connection to the Washoe County sewer main located on Sky Tavern Road. This project is a priority for the Parks Department and funds are allocated in the fiscal year (FY) 24/25 Parks Capital Maintenance Fund. Staff conducted a public bid for the project. Three bids were received and opened on July 16, 2024. Gerhardt & Berry Construction Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid pursuant to the requirements established in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 338. Staff recommends Council award the contract to Gerhardt & Berry Construction Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$207,953 which includes a \$20,000 contingency. This work is scheduled to be completed in summer 2024.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0.02%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

Sky Tavern is a 143-acre City of Reno owned outdoor facility. The area offers a variety of year-round recreational opportunities, including winter skiing and snowboard training for children and families as well as summer camps, school programs, and mountain biking. This facility has been in operation for over 75 years and was built before a sewer main was installed in Mt. Rose Highway. The existing septic system has outlived its service life and needs to be abandoned. This project will follow Northern Nevada Public Health standards and policies for septic abandonment.

Discussion:

The project will remove a failing 10,000-gallon septic system, install approximately 225 linear feet of 8-inch sewer main, and connect to an existing Washoe County sewer main in Sky Tavern Road as shown in the vicinity map below.

Vicinity Map



Staff conducted a public bid for the Sky Tavern Septic Conversion Project and opened three bids on July 16, 2024. Gerhardt & Berry Construction Inc. submitted the best bid pursuant to the requirements established in Chapter 338 of the NRS. Gerhardt & Berry Construction Inc. is a local General Contractor licensed in Nevada. Table 1 below shows a summary of the bids.

Table 1 – Bid Summary

Bidder	Total Bid Price
Engineer’s Estimate	\$217,700
Gerhardt & Berry Construction, Inc	\$187,953
M4 Engineering LLC	\$195,050
Q&D Construction LLC	\$205,870

The Engineer’s estimate was based on recent projects of similar scope and complexity.

Staff recommends awarding the contract to Gerhardt & Berry Construction Inc. for the Sky Tavern Septic Conversion Project in the amount of \$207,953, which includes a \$20,000 contingency for unforeseen items encountered during construction.

Table 2 – Recommended Bid Award

Sky Tavern Septic (Base Bid)	\$187,953
Contingency	\$20,000
Bid Award	\$207,953

The consequences of not awarding this bid today will result in potential issues with a failing septic system, which could lead to severe environmental hazards, health risks for the community, and significant financial burdens due to emergency repairs and regulatory fines.

Financial Implications:

Funds for this project are available in the FY 24/25 Parks Capital Maintenance Fund.

Legal Implications:

This contract was competitively bid in accordance with Chapter 338 of the NRS. Gerhardt & Berry Construction Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid pursuant to NRS 338 and maintains the proper license to perform the project.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council award the contract to Gerhardt & Berry Construction Inc. for the Sky Tavern Septic Conversion Project in the amount of \$207,953 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

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