

ORDINANCE NO. 21-088

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A NEW ALLEN-BRADLEY VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE (VFD) FOR PRIMARY PUMP #4 AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP); AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXPEND FUNDS TO REXEL USA OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,498.39; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2021, the existing 2008 Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for Primary Pump #4 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant failed and consequently the pumping system has only been operational in “hand” mode as a “bypass” at a set flowrate of 15 MGD, when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the failed VFD is an Allen-Bradley product and housed in an Allen-Bradley cabinet and therefore it is essential to replace with an Allen-Bradley product in order for the entire set-up to be compatible; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager notified this City Commission at their May 24, 2021, regularly scheduled meeting of the emergency nature of the situation and a motion was passed approving the emergency purchase of a replacement VFD at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24 of the City Charter the emergency nature of the work obviates the necessity to comply with formal competitive bidding and advertising; and

WHEREAS, Rexel USA of Sandusky, Ohio, is the local distributor for Rockwell Automation Allen-Bradley products; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the new Allen-Bradley VFD is \$16,498.39 and will be paid with Sewer Funds; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to allow for timely payment of the equipment that has already been ordered once invoice is received; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Department of Public Works, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission approves and ratifies the emergency purchase of a new Allen-Bradley Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for Primary Pump #4 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and authorizes and directs the City Manager and/or Finance Director to expend funds to Rexel USA of Sandusky, Ohio, at an amount **not to exceed** Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight and 39/100 Dollars (\$16,498.39).

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

MCKENZIE E. SPRIGGS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: June 14, 2021