

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** December 8, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Consider the award of RFP No. 25-026 Wheco Electric, LLC for the design and construction of the Watauga Pump Station Electrical Improvements Project (UT2401) in the amount of \$199,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the related construction agreement.

**PRESENTER:** Kenneth Garvin, Public Works Operations Manager

### **SUMMARY:**

City Council is being asked to award a construction contract for the Watauga Pump Station Electrical Improvements Project (UT2401) in the amount of \$199,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the related construction agreement.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The City initially received one bid for the Watauga Pump Station Electrical Improvements Project on September 4, 2025. After re-advertising for two additional weeks and still receiving only one bid, staff proceeded to open the bid on September 23, 2025.

The Watauga Road Pump Station is a joint-use facility with the City of Watauga and is the largest pump station serving both cities, delivering approximately three million gallons of water daily. The City of Watauga pays a proportionate share of the costs for the joint-use facility.

Built in 1978, with limited electrical upgrades in 2000, the station's six Motor Control Centers (MCCs) are now obsolete and require replacement. This project includes the design, purchase, and installation of six new MCCs to ensure continued reliable water service. Staff recommends awarding the contract to Wheco Electric LLC, the sole bidder, who has extensive experience with the City's SCADA system.

Construction will occur in phases over 180 days to minimize service disruptions, with major work planned during cooler months when water demand is lower. Funding is included in the FY 2026 Capital Projects Budget (UT2401). An additional \$19,000 is needed due to increased material and logistics costs; this will be covered using savings from the Conn Pump Station Rehabilitation Project (UT2008), completed in 2025.





**RECOMMENDATION:**

Award RFP No. 25-026 to Wheco Electric, LLC for design and construction of the Watauga Pump Station Electrical Improvements Project (UT2401) in the amount of \$199,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the related construction agreement.