

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation

Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 5 to the approved Myers Concrete Construction, L.P. contract for the Walnut Springs Trail Extension Project in the amount of \$88,972 for relocation and improvements associated with the Walnut Springs Heart Shaped Well Project; and declaring an effective date.

Date: December 21, 2021

Approximately 300 feet south of the Ruby P. Vaughan Walnut Springs Bridge on the west side of the creek, there is a historic concrete and stone Heart-Shaped Wishing Well that was part of Robert Hugman's original park design back in the 1930's. The wishing well was not a functioning well or spring, but was a popular spot along the walking paths back in the day. At some point many years ago, due to flooding and erosion the wishing well slid down the creek embankment and is now partially submerged in the creek bed. The wishing well is partially broken at one end where the heart comes together at the bottom, but it retains its overall design, materials, shape, workmanship, and allure to long-time Seguin citizens.

At the time when the Walnut Springs Trail Extension Project was approved, City Council asked if the wishing well was going to be restored and preserved as the well was part of the history of Seguin. Staff indicated that the wishing well would be lifted out of the creek, placed on a permanent foundation, and repaired at some point after the construction of the trail started. It was envisioned at the time that the work would be done by the contractor that was constructing the trail project nearby as they would have manpower and equipment in the area.

On October 5, 2020, a contract was approved by City Council for Myers Concrete Construction L.P. to construct the Walnut Springs Trail Extension Project in the amount of \$5,186,889.01. Myers has submitted Change Order 5 in the amount of \$88,972 for the work needed to construct an engineered concrete foundation along with relocating the wishing well near its original location and to where it can be easily seen as folks walk along the elevated pedestrian trail. To date, four Change Orders have been executed that has reduced the overall contracted amount to \$5,152,523.13.

The Change Order pricing is a worst-case scenario if the wishing well breaks apart as it is being hoisted back to the creek embankment and has to be rebuilt entirely by a historic mason that has been sanctioned by the Texas Historic Commission (THC). As of now, the only repair to the well needed is to repair the one end where the heart comes together at the bottom.

Separate funding for the relocation and improvements associated with the Walnut Springs Heart Shaped Well Project was approved in the City's 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget in the amount of \$60,000. If this Change Order is approved, there will be a forthcoming Budget Amendment Request and Reimbursement Resolution for an additional \$30,000 (rounded up to purchase needed signage regarding the well) to fully fund the Change Order.

City staff recommends approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order No.5 to the approved Myers Concrete Construction, L.P., contract for the Walnut Springs Trail Extension Project in the amount of \$88,972 for relocation and improvements associated with the Walnut Springs Heart Shaped Well Project; and declaring an effective date.