

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO EVERGREEN CEMETERY COMMUNICATIONS TOWER

WHEREAS, the City of Manitowoc owns a communications tower located in Evergreen Cemetery; and,

WHEREAS, the tower's electronics building suffered significant fire damage due to a fire on March 28, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the tower provides essential communication services to numerous public agencies, including the Manitowoc Fire Department, whose radio system was rendered inoperable; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief and Buildings and Grounds Division Manager took immediate action to repair the tower so that the communications for the Fire Department would be operable; and,

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §62.15(1)(b) authorizes the waiving of public bidding requirements for the repair and reconstruction of public facilities when determined by resolution that the damage or threatened damage creates an emergency in which the public health or welfare of the City of Manitowoc is endangered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Manitowoc Board of Public Works declares the fire damage to the communications tower to Evergreen Cemetery to be an emergency in which the public health and welfare is endangered unless prompt action is taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works authorizes the proper City officials to waive bids for the necessary remediation and repair work to provide a functional communications system for the Fire Department and to restore the communications building to a functional status. The costs of the necessary emergency work at the communications tower shall be made available from the City's capital projects funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fire Chief Todd Blaser, Finance Director Steve Corbeille, and Director of Public Infrastructure Dan Koski are authorized to sign any contracts necessary to effect repair work at the communications tower, and shall forward those contracts on to the Common Council to be properly preserved in the public record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect until the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Manitowoc determine by majority vote that the emergency no longer exists, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §62.15(1)(b).

INTRODUCED 4/21/15 Justin M. Nickels

ADOPTED 4/21/15 _____

APPROVED 4/21/15 _____

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Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

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