

Memo

To: City Council
From: Amy E. Gilson, P.E., Director of Public Works
Date: December 15, 2016
Re: Autoclave Purchase



In accordance with Section 2-182 of the City Ordinances, this memo is to advise you of an emergency purchase for an autoclave that is used in the laboratory at the wastewater treatment plant.

The autoclave is used on a daily basis to sterilize the lab equipment at high temperatures and pressures. The current autoclave is no longer operational, and we have been advised that due to its age, parts are no longer available. We are very grateful for our neighbors in Bellevue and Eaton Rapids who have allowed our staff to bring our equipment to their labs on a daily basis for sterilization. It is quite an imposition, but necessary so that we can perform the required tests to meet our permit. The staff obtained the following three quotes for a replacement autoclave and does not include shipping which should be about \$250:

USA BlueBook: \$ 4,959.95; VWR: \$ 5,998.30; Fisher Scientific: \$ \$6,700.00

Staff has ordered the autoclave from USA BlueBook.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

cc: Gregg Guetschow, City Manager