



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Commission
FROM: Aeris Ripley
RE: *AMENDED* Request to Amend City Commission Agenda
DATE: October 13, 2026

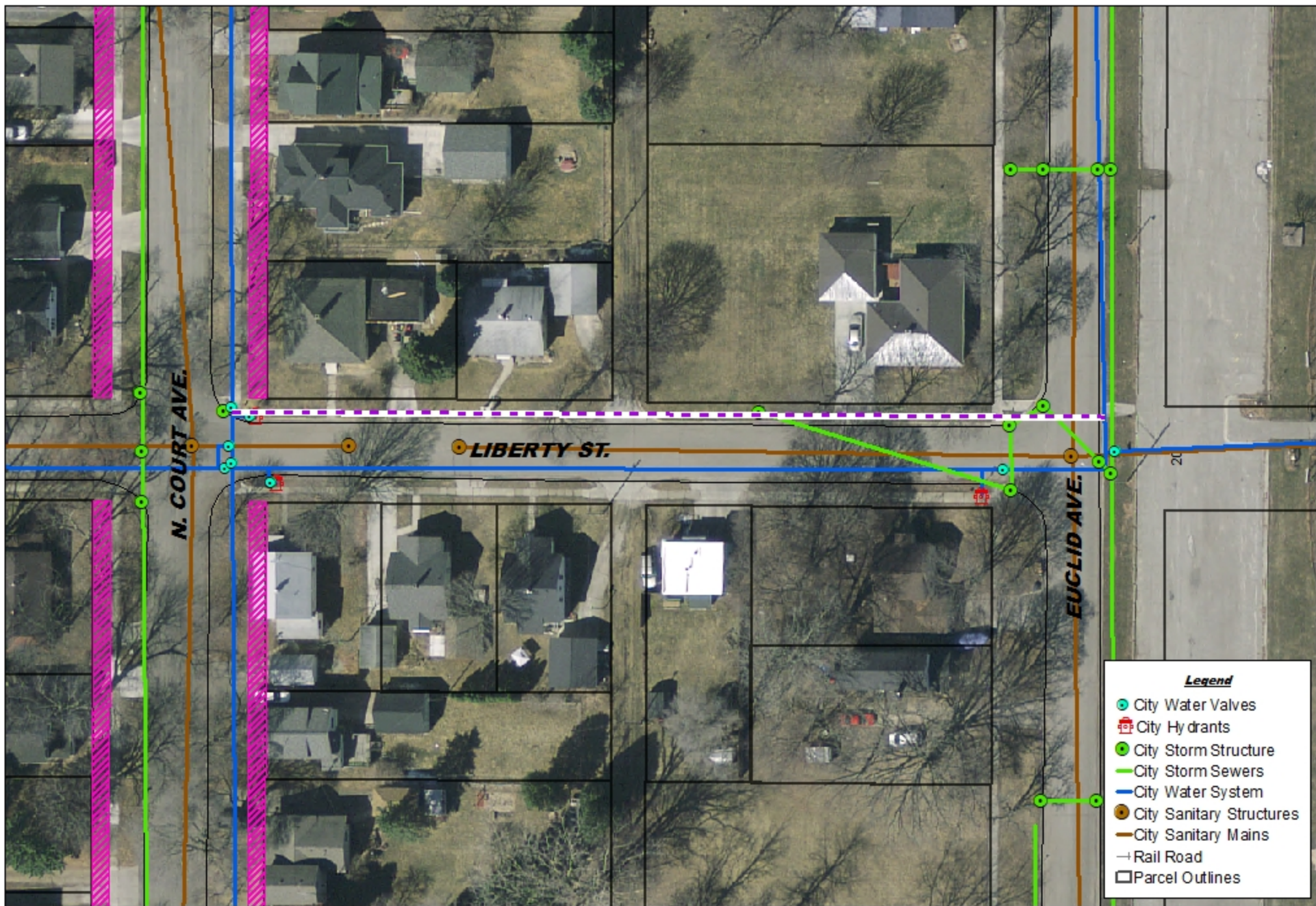
I respectfully request that the City Commission agenda be amended to add the following item:

F. Requests for Purchase:

1. *Consideration of a request for purchase to Crawford Contracting, in the amount of \$231,520.20, based on SRF rates, for replacement of a failing watermain on Liberty Street, between Court and Euclid Avenues, also to approve the related budget amendment and authorize the Mayor to execute related documents.*
Approve

N. New Business:

1. Consideration of a request from Granger Waste Services for approval of a fuel surcharge, pursuant to the Compensation section of page SP-8 of the Solid Waste and Recyclables Contract dated February 23, 2022, based on published diesel fuel rates and a benchmark of \$5.00 per gallon.
Approve



Option A



Purchase Requisition

10/13/2026
03:35 PM

Purchase Requisition No 26-1767

Requested Date 10/13/2026
Required Date
Requested By Department ENG

Preferred Vendor 3106
Crawford Contracting, Inc.
Address 2502 S MERIDIAN RD
MOUNT PLEASANT, MI 48858-9057

Req. Description LIBERTY WATER EUCLID TO COURT ST

Qty.	Description	GL Number 1	Unit Price	Amount
1	REPLACE FAILING WATERMAIN ON	591-536.552-970.000-W175	231,520.20	231,520.20
Total:				231,520.20



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FINANCE REPORT FOR CITY COMMISSION

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

**To be approved at Commission
Meeting dated**

October 13, 2026

Month/Day/year



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Motion by Commissioner as supported by Commissioner to approve the following FY 2027 budget amendments.

- a. To increase the Water Distribution Expenditure Budget \$231,600 for contract with Crawford Contracting to replace a failing watermain on Liberty Street between Court and Euclid (*PO 26-1767*).



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October 8, 2026

RE: Request for Council Consideration – Temporary Fuel Surcharge

Granger truly values our partnership with the municipality, and we appreciate the trust you place in us to provide reliable collection services to your residents. We have worked to manage rising operating costs without seeking additional charges whenever possible. Unfortunately, the continued increase in diesel fuel prices has reached a level where we need to ask for Council's consideration of a temporary fuel surcharge.

Diesel fuel is a significant operating expense for Granger Waste Services, as it is used to power both our collection vehicles and landfill equipment.

Attachment 1 of your residential waste agreement with Granger Waste Services, the agreement allows for a fuel surcharge when diesel fuel costs exceed **\$4.00 per gallon continuously for three consecutive months**, subject to approval by Council.

This is the first time Granger has requested consideration of a fuel surcharge during the term of your contract. Although the agreement establishes \$4.00 per gallon as the threshold, we recognize that fuel costs have changed considerably since that benchmark was established. In an effort to lessen the impact on the municipality and its residents, Granger is using \$5.00 per gallon as the benchmark for calculating the surcharge rather than the \$4.00 contractual threshold.

Using the \$5.00 benchmark, the surcharge is calculated at **\$0.01 per household for each \$0.05 increase in diesel fuel costs above \$5.00 per gallon**. Based on September's rate, the surcharge would be **\$0.27 per household for the month**. For example, a municipality with 1,000 households would see a total monthly fuel surcharge of **\$270.00**.

Recent Midwest No. 2 Diesel Retail Prices:

- August 2026: \$5.42 (\$5.417) per gallon
- September 2026: \$6.35 (\$6.351) per gallon

Fuel pricing can be viewed and tracked through the surcharge information on our website:

<https://www.grangerwasteservices.com/customer-support/surcharges/>

From this page, select the **U.S. Department of Energy** link to access diesel fuel pricing information. The applicable rates can be found in table **Data 2**, with rates published on Tuesdays (October monthly rate will be published on Tuesday, October 27).

I have also attached an Excel spreadsheet to make the calculation as simple and transparent as possible. You only need to enter the applicable information in the **blue cells**, and the spreadsheet will calculate the fuel surcharge.

I respectfully ask that you place this request before Council for consideration. If Council approves the fuel surcharge, it would first appear on the municipality's invoice for November 2026 service using the October 2026 monthly rate for calculation.

Because the surcharge is tied directly to fuel pricing, the amount may increase or decrease from month to month as diesel costs fluctuate. **Once the monthly diesel rate falls below \$5.00 per gallon, the surcharge will be removed.** Before a fuel surcharge could be applied again, diesel would need to remain above \$5.00 per gallon for another three consecutive months.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or if there is additional information I can provide to assist you or Council in reviewing this request. We sincerely appreciate our continued partnership with the municipality and Council's consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jami Anderson".

Jami Anderson
Municipal Manager

GRANGER WASTE SERVICES

Fuel Surcharge Calculation sheet

current diesel

price	\$5.00/gallon	difference
\$6.35	5.00	0.27

active

households		monthly charge
2463	0.27	\$665.01

<https://www.grangerwasteservices.com/customer-support/surcharges/>

*Active households as of Oct. 2, 2026