

ORDINANCE 02-2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RIVERS, KENTUCKY PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND SALE OF A FRANCHISE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONSTRUCTING, TRANSPORTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND DISTRIBUTING NATURAL GAS ALONG AND UNDER PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND RIVERS, KENTUCKY, FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS IN CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH, THE SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISEE SHALL PAY TO THE CITY A LUMP SUM; AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING A BID PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF SAID FRANCHISE TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

WHEREAS, the existing natural gas franchise agreement between the City of Grand Rivers, Kentucky and Atmos Energy Corporation expires on May 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interest of its citizens to create and offer for sale a new natural gas franchise.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GRAND RIVERS, KENTUCKY (hereinafter referred to as the "City") that the Mayor of the City, or such other person as the Mayor may designate, shall offer for sale, to the highest and best bidder, a natural gas franchise to enter upon, acquire, construct, operate, maintain and repairs in the public right of way of the City, a gas distribution system with the corporate boundaries of the City, subject to the provisions of the Franchise Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The Mayor, or such other person as the Mayor may designate, shall, as soon as practicable after passage of this Ordinance, offer for sale, under sealed public bids, the franchise privileges created herein. Such bids shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor or his designee, at City Hall, Grand Rivers, Kentucky, by 4:00 p.m. on May 29, 2007 (the "Bid Deadline"). Advertisement for such bids shall be published in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 424. All costs for such advertisements shall be borne by the successful Franchisee.

Sealed bids offered for the purchase of this franchise shall be publicly opened and read at 5:30 p.m. C.D.T. on June 12, 2007. All bids shall state the bidder's acceptance of the terms and provisions set forth in the attached franchise agreement.

The Mayor shall present all written bids to the City of Grand Rivers at its first meeting scheduled after the Bid Deadline for the City's consideration and approval. The City reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids received, to waive any irregularities of informalities and to accept what, in its opinion, is the best responsive and responsible bid. In the event all bids are rejected, the City reserves the right to direct by resolution or ordinance that the franchise created hereunder be offered again for sale until a satisfactory bid is received and approved.

The franchise created by this ordinance shall become effective when the franchise agreement is signed by the successful bidder and the City.

INTRODUCED AND PUBLICLY READ ON FIRST READING, this the 10th day of April, 2007.

PUBLICLY READ AND FINALLY APPROVED ON SECOND READING, this the 8th day of May, 2007.

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City of Grand Rivers, Kentucky



B.T. Moodie, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joe Dry, City Clerk