The low bid was submitted by RPI Underground with a total bid amount of \$4,539,814.00. Adding 10% contingency (\$453,981.40) for unknown field conditions would bring the total project cost to \$4,993,795.40.

**OPTIONS:** (1) Approve the bid of RPI Underground of \$4,539,814 with a 10% contingency (\$453,981.40) for a Total Project Cost of \$4,993,795.40, (2) Reject the bids.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Provision of sewer collection and water distribution infrastructure to city residents is a basic service that Valdosta provides; therefore, Staff recommends approval of Option 1.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:** The City of Valdosta has experienced increased regional growth within the Cherry Creek basin along the Bemiss Road corridor. New sanitary sewer improvements are required to facilitate growth and new connections to the public sewer system in that area.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the bid of RPI Underground in the amount of \$4,539,814 plus a 10% contingency (\$453,981.40) for a total cost of \$4,993,795.40 for the Knights Academy Road and Goodyear utilities work.

Al Crace, Interim City Manager