City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

From: Kyle Blubaugh, Environmental Services Superintendent

Item: Bid Acceptance – Horizontal Directional Drill Package
2026 D10x15 Navigator S3

Motion: A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid submitted by Vermeer Great Plains to purchase a 2026 Horizontal Directional Drill Package, for an amount not to exceed $204,769.18. ***(Voice Vote)***

Background: The Environmental Services Division is requesting approval to purchase a horizontal directional drill to expand the division's trenchless installation capabilities in support of the line replacement program.

Directional drilling allows the crew to install new water service lines and short runs of water main beneath existing pavement, driveways, landscaping, and other obstructions without open-cut excavation, significantly reducing surface disruption and restoration costs in residential areas. This capability has previously required outside contractors and bringing it in-house with a crew-operated drill will reduce project costs, improve scheduling flexibility, and allow the division to address service line replacements and short or small diameter water main replacement.

The D10x15 Navigator S3 is well-suited for the division's near-term scope of work, offering the thrust and pullback capacity needed for residential and light commercial installations while remaining compact enough for tight right-of-way conditions common throughout the city's distribution service area.

Staff recommend the City Commission approve the purchase of one a Vermeer D10x15 Navigator S3 horizontal directional drill from Great Plains Vermeer.

Commission Options:

1. Approve the Resolution.
2. Disapprove of the Resolution.
3. Table the Resolution for further discussion.

Fiscal Impact: Total Amount: **$204,769.18**

Fund: **68 (CIP)** Department: **650 (Environmental Services)** Expense Code: **7402 (Capital Improvements)**

☒ Included in budget ☐ Grant ☐ Bonds ☐ Other Not Budgeted

Attachments: Resolution, Quote from seller, Bid Tab, & Bid Scoring.

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager