City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

From: Kyle Blubaugh, Environmental Services Superintendent

Item: Bid Package Acceptance - Mini Hydraulic Excavator Cat 309 CR

Motion: A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid submitted by Foley Equipment Company to purchase a 2026 Mini Hydraulic Excavator, including attachments, for an amount not to exceed $145,695.00, and to pursue lease bids for financing. ***(Voice Vote)***

Background: The department of Environmental Services is requesting to replace aging equipment and establish the foundation needed to launch an in-house line replacement program. With the division operating larger and more active crews than in previous years, this equipment will significantly expand the crew's capabilities across multiple simultaneous operations. The 2019 John Deere Backhoe is the trade in equipment; Foley has offered $40,000 in trade included as part of the bid amount.

The CAT 309 CR Mini Hydraulic Excavator provides the straight-line trenching capability needed for waterline replacement work while remaining narrow enough to operate in residential neighborhoods where access is constrained by fencing, driveways, and mature landscaping. Bid items include attachments.

The collections crew has seen a notable increase in manhole rehabilitation and point repairs, and this machine will serve directly in supporting those operations. Replacing outdated equipment with this purpose-built machine reduces reliance on outside contractors, shortens project timelines, and positions the division to execute line replacement and collections work more effectively with existing staff.

Staff recommend the City Commission approve the purchase of a new 2026 Caterpillar 309 CR Mini Hydraulic Excavator from Foley Equipment with trade in of our current 2019 John Deere Backhoe. Expense will be shared between the water fund (75%) and sewer fund (25%).

Once this purchase is approved, the next step will include a bid invitation to be sent out to local banks for the city to finance though a lease. The 5-year lease bid will come back to the commission for final approval at a future meeting.

Commission Options:

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

Fiscal Impact: Total Amount: **$145,695.00**
Includes $40,000 trade-in of 2019 John Deere Backhoe
Expense shared between the water fund (75%) and sewer fund (25%) as indicated below.

Amount: **$109,271.25**

Fund: **16 (Water)** Department: **653 (Distribution)** Expense Code: **(7405) Machinery/Equipment**

Amount: **$36,423.75**

Fund: **18 (Wastewater)** Department: **661 (Collections)** Expense Code: **(7405) Machinery/Equipment**

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

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

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager