

City of Bel Aire, Kansas

## STAFF REPORT

DATE: 03/7/2025

TO: City Manager

FROM: Marty McGee

RE: Sewer Easement Machine



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**BACKGROUND:** The city is responsible for proper sewer maintenance and daily monitoring. Bel Aire has around 60.5 miles of sewer lines that require cleaning and televising to find and prevent any damage that may occur to sewer mains which is caused by the caustic nature of raw sewage as well as tree roots, shifting grounds, and on occasions damage caused by other utilities.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff sections off portions of the town each year to have sewer lines cleaned and televised, this allows us to maintain sewer functions and proper flow daily. The easement machine plays a critical role in maintaining our sewer system. Our current easement machine was purchased in 1998 and needs replaced due to transmission and hydraulic failures. This easement machine allows public works to reach manholes in residents backyards and maintain proper daily maintenance allowing the city to function properly.

In adhering to the City's purchasing policy, staff solicited bids from three companies, which are shown in the table below.

Contractors	Bid amount		Lead Time
Key Equipment- Pipe Hunter Easement Machine	\$68,850.00	Trailer	3-Months
Key Equipment-US Jetting Easement Machine	\$109,750.00	Trailer	3-Months
Armor Equipment-SECA	\$85,458.00	No Trailer	4-Months
Prowler Equipment- Elliot Equipment	\$67,500.00	No Trailer	5- Months

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** Funding for this equipment will come from the Equipment Reserve Fund.

**POLICY DECISION:** Staff are adhering to City policy in gathering a minimum of three bids.

**RECOMENDATION:** Staff recommends the City Council accept the bid from Key Equipment in the amount of \$68,850.00



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PipeHunter SideTrac F



2025 PipeHunter  
Easement Warranty It



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Easement Machine.pd



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Prowler PR-ET  
Proposal - Bel Aire, KS