
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Public Works & Engineering
FROM: Clinton Sumerall, Deputy Director-Operations
MEETING: April 1, 2024

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of a contract for the purchase of replacement Public Works Water Operations equipment with CLS Sewer Equipment Co., Inc. through BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing (Contract # 676-22) in the amount of \$173,701 (*Staff Contact: Clinton Sumerall, Deputy Director Public Works & Engineering*).

SUMMARY:

The Equipment Services Division of the Public Works & Engineering Department coordinates the purchase of the majority of the City's fleet. Replacing fleet assets in a timely manner prevents the increased maintenance and indirect costs. Indirect or "hidden" costs associated with delayed asset replacement include:

- Reduced employee efficiency and lost productivity,
- Increased fleet size to compensate for higher out of service rates, and
- Increased accident rates or liability exposure.

Equipment Services staff consider several criteria including: age, miles/hours, type of service, reliability, maintenance and repair costs, and condition. Staff also consulted with the Public Works Water Operations Staff for input and confirmation of their operational needs and that the specific model recommended would meet their needs.

The existing hydro excavator, purchased in 2013, has been evaluated and is recommended for replacement. Public Works Water Operations has one Vermeer LP855 that will be replaced with a Vac-Con MS800.

Staff reached out to multiple other vendors to obtain comparison quotes for this Hydro Excavator and received quotes ranging from \$173,701 to \$226,458. CLS Sewer Equipment Co. provided the best/lowest price at \$173,701, through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract. The total cost for the hydro excavator is \$173,701.

Cooperative purchasing is a type of cooperative arrangement among organizations, to agree to aggregate demand to get lower prices from suppliers. Cooperatives are often used by government agencies to reduce costs of procurement. These purchasing cooperatives are used frequently by governmental entities as well as, local governments who are authorized by state law to use this method for procurement. The replacement units are funded in the Proprietary Equipment Replacement Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a contract for the purchase of replacement Public Works Water Operations equipment with CLS Sewer Equipment Co., Inc. through BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing (Contract # 676-22) in the amount of \$173,701.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

List date and description of any prior action related to the subject

REFERENCE:

Insert CSO# if applicable
Insert resolution or ordinance change

FISCAL IMPACT:

Explain Budgeted Y/N: Y
Fund Name: Proprietary Equipment Replacement Fund
Full Account #s: 603-1302-71001
Amount: \$173,701
Project (if applicable): Financial Consideration:

Explain fiscal impact if any

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