
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Public Works
FROM: Errick Thompson, Director
MEETING: February 3, 2025

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Performance Truck, Inc., for the purchase of a combination vacuum truck through BuyBoard Cooperative in the amount of \$517,845.57. *(Staff Contact: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works)*

SUMMARY:

The Water/Wastewater utility fleet includes one combination vacuum truck. The truck uses a combination of high-pressure jet spray of water and high-pressure suction to clear clogged sanitary sewer lines throughout the wastewater system. The current truck is 13 years old and nearing the end of its planned service life of 14 years. The unit was originally planned for replacement in FY26. Over the past 40 months, the truck has been down for repairs for more than 12 months. Repairs over this period have exceeded \$50,000 plus staff labor expenses. In addition, there have been expenses for outsourcing urgent and emergency sanitary sewer main clearing at higher costs when the city truck has been inoperable.

Given the critical nature of this truck providing daily service throughout Burleson, increasing lead times for acquiring specialty equipment such as this and increasing costs and frequency of breakdowns, staff explored options to accelerate the replacement. To that end, an assessment of business needs was developed including refining the specifications of what the truck needs to be able to do and what features of the existing truck should be / should not be repeated in the replacement. With that information, staff explored several options in the marketplace to include in-the-field demonstrations by multiple vendors. The result of the process is the selection of the replacement unit, a tandem axle, 10 cubic yard, Pipe Hunter Combo truck with 8" vacuum system. Through the BuyBoard Cooperative, we are able to obtain a 10% discount on the body of the unit. The new unit includes a 2025 Kenworth chassis replacement the 2012 International chassis.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Performance Truck, Inc., for the purchase of a combination vacuum truck through BuyBoard Cooperative Contract # 723-23 in the amount of \$517,845.57.

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

1/22/2025 – Council Policy and Valuation Committee supported the purchase of this unit using Water/Wastewater Fund-supported debt and a corresponding reimbursement resolution.

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure: \$517,845.57
Account Number: 5227102-70025
Fund:
Account Description: Furniture & Equipment

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