



**CITY COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Utilities Department

SUBJECT: Motion to Approve Purchase of Sewer Cleaning Equipment (**Utilities**)

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager Recommends approval to purchase a trailer-mounted sewer jetting unit, piggybacking a current Sourcewell purchasing cooperative contract for this equipment.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

The Utilities Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the City's sewer collection systems. The gravity collection system consists of 476,000 linear feet of underground pipes. Each pipe is subject to debris blockage which needs to be cleared using specialized equipment.

The department used to have two jet-vacuum trucks for this purpose, but one was replaced in 2016 with a jet-vacuum excavation truck that is used strictly for excavation work and is not suitable for sewer cleaning. In the current year's budget, the Commission approved funding for a trailer-mounted jetting unit, which is significantly less expensive than a jet-vacuum truck.

ANALYSIS:

Staff has examined multiple units and found one, Sewer Equipment of America 747-FR2000 ECO (proposed by Jet-Vac Equipment Company LLC), that is included in a current Sourcewell bid for sewer equipment and will best suit the City's needs. Sourcewell, a national purchasing cooperative of which the City is a member, solicited bids on behalf of its members in the category of sewer vacuum and related equipment. Fourteen respondents were graded on a 1,000 point scale in categories such as price, warranty terms, produce quality, ecofriendly practices, value added attributes, and product selection. Additional information on the Sourcewell bid is attached.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This equipment is proposed at a cost of \$89,585.00, which is within the current budget for this item.

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>
450-930-564700-535-	\$135,000.00	\$89,585.00	\$45,415.00

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission could opt to issue a separate invitation to bid for this equipment, but the City would then not benefit from the economies of scale resulting from the combined buying power of several agencies.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Acceptance and Award-Sewer Equip.
2. Solicitation
3. Pricing Information
4. Vendor Compliance – Jet Vac
5. Sourcewell Brochure