



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Riley Sublett, Maintenance Director

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**Council Meeting Date:** July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Approval of the purchase agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Vermeer Texas-Louisiana for a Vermeer BC1000XL Chipper.**

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Riley Sublett, Maintenance Director

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**Summary/Background:** In February 2023, the City of Dripping Springs experienced Ice Storm Mara, prompting a thorough assessment of our community's needs for enhanced emergency response capabilities. Following this natural disaster, the City faced challenges in efficiently clearing City Rights-of-Way (ROWs) due to the unavailability of suitable equipment for rent.

To address these critical operational gaps and ensure swift response to future natural disasters, the Emergency Management Coordinator and Maintenance Director recommends approving the purchase agreement with Vermeer Texas-Louisiana for a Vermeer BC-1000XL Chipper. This procurement, totaling \$51,750.00, represents the best available quote sourced through the Sourcewell Purchasing cooperative. In FY 2024, \$60,000.00 was budgeted for this purchase.

Acquiring this chipper will empower the City of Dripping Springs to manage ROW clearing promptly and efficiently, thereby enhancing our ability to serve and support our citizens during emergencies.

**Recommended Council Actions:** Approval of the Purchase agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Vermeer Texas- Louisiana