



CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Approval of a resolution authorizing the execution of a purchase order with Vermeer Texas-Louisiana for a hydro-vacuum excavator, expenditure of the required funds, and execution of all applicable documents by the City Manager

DATE: November 16, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Finance

PRESENTED BY: Consent Item - Clayton Hoelscher, Procurement Manager

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

The City budgeted \$130,000 for the purchase of a hydro-vacuum excavator. Hydro-vacuum excavators are highly valued by utilities because they can quickly and safely excavate around electric and gas lines and dewater trenches at the same time. The equipment uses a high-pressure stream of water to break up the soil and a vacuum to suck the dirt, debris and mud from a hole or trench. It enables utility repairs to be completed much quicker than regular excavation methods and is less impactful on residents since all dirt and debris is contained within the equipment.

Although the City owns a hydro-vacuum excavator, it is often down for repair and staff rents a hydro excavator several times each year. By purchasing a second unit, one will be used primarily by the water utility and the other will be used primarily by wastewater to reduce the risk of contamination of potable water distribution systems. In addition, the wastewater utility will use the existing hydro excavator extensively over the next few months to clean and inspect all sewer mains within the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone in accordance with TCEQ regulations.

The City intends to purchase this equipment through Vermeer by utilizing the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative. As a member of the purchasing co-op, the City can utilize pricing that has been competitively bid on a larger scale. This also fulfills the City's competitive requirements.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

- Utilizing the purchasing cooperative allows the City to take advantage of pricing competitively bid on a larger scale. It also complies with competitive procurement requirements.
- Reduces the impact of utility outages on customers by enabling quicker repair of main breaks and less ground disturbance at repair locations.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The City budgeted \$130,000.00 this fiscal year for this equipment. The cost for this purchase is \$126,938.73.

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

A Purchase Order will be issued to Vermeer Texas-Louisiana.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

Consent Item - I move to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Purchase Order with Vermeer Texas-Louisiana for a hydro-vacuum excavator in the amount of \$126,938.73.