



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: City Council Regular Session

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021

FROM: Mike Null

SUBJECT: City Council authorization to purchase a bucket truck from Altec Industries, Inc. under the GSA bid in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.

BACKGROUND

The City electric department fleet currently includes four (4) bucket trucks and two (2) digger /derrick trucks. Truck # 431 is a 1999 bucket truck with over 114,000 miles. Since these trucks idle quite a bit when on the job site, the hours on the engine far exceed that amount.

This truck has been taken out of service for the last three months due to ongoing safety concerns. The chassis is a 1999 GMC 7500 which is no longer made and next to impossible to find parts for. It is so underpowered that the crews do not take it off pavement for fear of getting stuck. More importantly, when the crews are operating the boom in the air, it will continue to drift 12-24 inches after they try to stop it. This is extremely dangerous when working around live high-voltage power lines. In 2018, we spent \$30,000 for major repairs to the boom of the truck and the drifting issue has re-surfaced.

The plan was to ask for a replacement in the FY 22 budget cycle. However, with the workload that lies ahead for the electric department, we need all of our equipment to be in working order and to request replacement now. If this item is approved by Council, then a new truck will be available by July 2021. This item is not included in the FY 21 CIP budget and will require a budget adjustment if approved.

Attached is a quote from Altec Industries for a standard 4x4 model from the GSA bid that includes most of the needed equipment. That quote amount is \$219,005. Staff is requesting the ability to issue a PO for up to \$230,000 to include toolboxes, strobe lights, spotlights and any other items that may need to be added.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, the funds will come from the depreciation reserve, which is projected to have a balance of \$1,336,278 at the end of FY 21. Approval of this purchase will reduce that amount to \$1,106,278.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the purchase of bucket truck from Altec Industries, Inc. under the GSA bid in an amount not to exceed \$230,000; authorize the surplus and disposal in the best interest of the city truck #431; and direct staff to return with a budget adjustment to include this expense.