



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: May 11, 2026

ITEM TITLE: Combination Jet/Vac Truck – Authorization for Purchase

BACKGROUND:

We have received three vendor quotes for the procurement of a new combination sewer cleaner truck. To ensure thorough due diligence in this capital purchase, staff attended the WWETT show in Indianapolis to research multiple makes of combination trucks and evaluate vendor dealer locations and service quality.

DISCUSSION:

Quotes were received from the following three vendors:

- **Armor Equipment (Sewer Equipment 900 ECO):** \$594,980.00
- **MacQueen (Vactor 2100i):** \$635,393.00
- **Vac-Con (Dual Engine Combination):** \$594,643.00

Staff recommends purchasing the Sewer Equipment truck from Armor Equipment. While the total quote is \$337.00 higher than the Vac-Con quote, the Armor Equipment proposal includes an ENZ Ebomb Camera Nozzle. This camera nozzle adds approximately \$10,000.00 in value, effectively making the base price of the Sewer Equipment truck the most cost-effective option of the three. This camera nozzle will be a highly useful tool for our operations.

Furthermore, this decision is supported by positive past service experiences with Armor Equipment, which is conveniently located in Iowa. Direct consultations with companies such as Visu-Sewer and the City of Cedar Rapids, which operate these vehicles daily across multiple makes, consistently yielded recommendations for the Sewer Equipment truck. The truck will also be delivered at the beginning of June, should Armor Equipment be the successful entity.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of **supporting and enhancing City infrastructure and efficient and effective planning and prioritizing of all available resources**. This item helps achieve that vision by ensuring our team of employees has reliable, high-quality equipment to maintain the municipal sewer system efficiently and proactively.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The total cost of the recommended combination truck is \$594,980.00. This was planned and budgeted for in the FY2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget at a total cost of \$625,000.00, with \$225,000 allocated to the Water fund and \$400,000 allocated to the Sewer Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the purchase of the 2026 Sewer Equipment 12YD 900 ECO Combination Sewer Cleaner from Armor Equipment for the quoted price of \$594,980.00, and authorize the City Manager to complete the purchase.