



MEMO

To: Chris McCartt, City Manager

From: Chad Austin

Date: 8/8/2025

Regarding: Additional equipment for Utilities Department

Chris,

We have budgeted for a new directional bore machine in our CIP. The current machine was not placed in the fleet replacement program, so we are paying for the new machine out of Utilities funds.

Our current machine is in good condition, but it is too large to use in certain situations. More and more local highway departments are not allowing us to use older technology to get under their roadways. This new, smaller bore machine will enable us to install services and other small pipes under roads without having to cut trenches across them.

We plan to keep the current directional bore machine in order to continue to bore larger lines when needed. The amount of money we would receive through GovDeals would not surpass the flexibility we would have by keeping this piece of equipment.

We plan to give the new bore machine to Fleet after purchase so that we can put it in the replacement program.

If you have any questions, please let me know.


Approval Signature

Cc: Steve Leonard, Fleet Manager
Harvey Page, Utilities Field Operations Manager
Adam Williams, Water Maintenance Superintendent
Niki Ensor, Utilities Director
Ryan McReynolds, Deputy City Manager
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