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MEETING TYPE: Board of Alderman

DATE: May 12, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: Blake Abernathy, Public Works Director

ITEM TYPE: Consideration

AGENDA SECTION: Considerations

SUBJECT: **Consider Approval of Awarding the Four-Drum Puller Bid to Sherman & Reilly in the Amount of \$169,166 (Project 25-113)**

DETAILS:

The Town Electric Department is requesting several items of equipment in order to complete their own re-conduct operations. This Four-Drum Puller is apart of those items, and is an essential piece of machinery to re-conduct the power lines.

Town Staff formally advertised through an RFP that this was an intended purchase for the Town, which allowed vendors to submit sealed bids to the Town. This process was followed twice, due there not having a minimum of three bids on the first listing. The second deadline for sealed bids was April 17, 2025 at 2pm. Town Staff held an RFP Bid Opening on April 17, 2025, and received three bids for this equipment. Bids were received from Technology International, Inc. in the amount of \$193,874.00, Sherman & Reilly in the amount of \$169,166.00, and TSE International, Inc. in the amount of \$161,118.00.

I make the recommendation to award the bid to Sherman & Reilly. Sherman & Reilly's equipment provides the safer functions while operating the equipment for the linemen. This equipment has a fully encompassed safety cage around the control cockpit; all functions and controls are performed from the cockpit which eliminates "difference of potential" accidents. Additionally the equipment has a hydraulic safety override emergency brake system. Sherman & Reilly also provides a lifetime warranty for the Town, as long as the Town owns the equipment, and they are based out of Chattanooga, TN if we would need any warranty work completed.