



Memorandum

Meeting Details: October 14, 2026

Prepared For: Mayor & Board of Commissioners

From: Megan Wepfer, Public Works Director

Subject: Approval to Trade-In Sanitation Truck #26 and Purchase New 2026 Battle Motors Rear Loader

Background

The purpose of this memorandum is to request authorization from the Board of Commissioners to trade in Sanitation Truck #26, a 2020 Kenworth T880 equipped with a Heil packer, toward the purchase of a new 2026 Battle Motors LET2 Pac-Tech 28-yard rear-loader garbage truck from RDK Truck Sales.

Truck #26 is nearly seven years old and shows significant signs of heavy use. The truck is assigned to the City's commercial garbage collection route and has been utilized a minimum of five days per week for approximately seven years, with the exception of Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

The consistent, heavy-duty use of this vehicle has resulted in substantial wear associated with commercial solid waste collection operations. Replacing the truck at this point will allow the City to take advantage of a strong trade-in value while obtaining a new vehicle before the existing truck requires increasingly costly repairs and maintenance.

RDK Truck Sales has offered the City a \$101,000 trade-in credit for Truck #26. The City considers this to be very fair trade-in value given the age and condition of the existing vehicle.

RDK Truck Sales has provided the City with a purchase quote for Stock #109613, a 2026 Battle Motors LET2 Pac-Tech 28-Yard Rear Loader. The quoted vehicle includes the following:

- 2026 Battle Motors LET2 chassis
- Pac-Tech 28-yard rear-loader body

- Cummins L9, 350 HP engine
- Allison 3000RDS automatic transmission
- 20,000-lb. front axle
- 46,000-lb. rear tandem axles
- Wash-out tank
- Two days of operator training at no additional cost
- Municipal tax-exempt pricing
- Trade-in allowance of **\$101,000** for Truck #26

The purchase price of the new truck, including the wash-out tank, is \$349,900. After applying the \$101,000 trade-in credit, the net purchase price is \$248,900.

As part of the transaction, RDK has agreed to swap the existing Reeving Kit (winch) from the City's current equipment at no charge to the City, allowing the City to retain this equipment without incurring an additional purchase or installation expense.

The RDK quote also identifies the reeving system as included with the transaction and provides for installation on the City's new 2026 truck.

Fiscal Impact

The City has budgeted \$400,000 for the purchase of a new garbage truck.

The proposed Battle Motors truck has a net purchase price of \$248,900 after the \$101,000 trade-in allowance, which is approximately \$151,100 below the City's budgeted amount.

Additionally, the proposed truck is essentially ready for service and will require only lighting and minimal additional accessories to place it into service. This will allow the City to remain well within the approved budget while replacing a heavily utilized commercial collection vehicle.

Recommendation(s)

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approved the Purchase of the 2026 Battle Motor Garbage truck and the trade in of Truck #26 a 2020 Kenworth T880 Garbage truck for a total of \$248,900.

Attachments

- RDK Proposal