



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 02/14/2023

**REQUESTER:** Bret Scovill, Solid Waste Manager

**PRESENTER:** Bret Scovill, Solid Waste Manager

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) SIDE LOAD SANITATION VEHICLES FROM J&R EQUIPMENT AND RUSH TRUCK CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,560,000 UTILIZING OKLAHOMA STATE CONTRACT NUMBERS SW197 AND SW0035T, RESPECTIVELY, AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Norman provides residential solid waste services to over 46,000 customers using side load trucks. This service is required weekly to maintain the level of service required for our customers and to maintain local health standards.

Recently, the purchases of fleet vehicles have been made more difficult due to the lack of production in the truck industry and long lead times due to insufficient supply. The standard fleet solid waste collection vehicle for the City of Norman is currently 18 to 24 months from issuance of the purchase order to delivery. As an example of this impact, vehicles budgeted for fiscal year 2020-2021 (FYE 2021) are still pending due to insufficient supply.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Fleet Maintenance was notified that there is an opportunity to have a limited number of trucks delivered in as little as 13 months from two companies on state contract. The chassis and body for these trucks are from Rush Truck Center (state contract SW0035T) for a cost of \$614,130. This company currently has three trucks in line to be built in their plant in June of this year that another municipality had ordered and then cancelled the order. J&R (state contract SW197) has the Labrie ASL body for these trucks that will be installed in Canada 180 days after delivery for a cost of \$914,580. In order to continue reliable and resilient solid waste collection and reduce maintenance costs, the Sanitation Division proposes to proactively purchase these vehicles immediately for delivery by June 2024.

Three side load trucks are proposed for purchase to maintain a resilient level of service and fleet integrity in light of current market trends. Funds in the amount of \$1,560,000 are requested to be appropriated from the Sanitation Fund Balance into Residential Collection Heavy Duty

Vehicles (account 33955161-45008). Upon appropriation, staff will execute a purchase order immediately in accordance with City purchasing requirements and policies.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,560,000 from the Sanitation Fund Balance (account 33-29000) into Residential Collection Heavy Duty Vehicles (account 33955161-45008) for the purchase of three side load trucks and approval for staff to purchase vehicles upon appropriation in accordance with City purchasing requirements and policies.