

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM MEMO  
REGULAR MEETING**

**SUBJECT:** An Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements and Awarding West Side Tractor Sales Company the Purchase Order for one new John Deere 324L Compact Loader

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**Summary:** In efforts to promote the health, Safety, and welfare of City of Rochelle employees and its residents it is necessary to replace and update vehicles and equipment from time to time.

The 2023 Solid Waste and Street Department Budgets include Funds for the purchase of one new compact wheel loader. This new compact wheel loader will replace a 1998 CAT 928G front end wheel loader, and a 2007 Case 580M Loader Backhoe. The Cat 928G will move to RMU Water Reclamation and the Case 580M Loader Backhoe will be traded-in to offset the purchase price of one new compact wheel loader.

Public Works staff have looked at five different manufactures of compact wheel loaders and found the John Deere 324L compact wheel loader to best fit the wide variety of work performed by the Public Works Department. Advantages of this machine are tighter turning and greater stability due to tractor articulation and steering from the wheels. Other advantages of this machine are throttle lock-speed control, quick change coupler, 23 mph road speed, and excellent all-around visibility.

The John Deere 324L is a versatile machine that will improve the efficiency of work completed by the Public Works Department. This single machine will reduce the number of machines currently needed to complete the same amount work. Safety for staff and motorist will improve while working in the roadway and tight spaces with the compact design and increased stability for bulky and heavy loads.

As with most vehicles and equipment at this time, estimated delivery of a newly ordered machine is averaging one year. However, West Side Tractor Sales just received two new 324L Compact Loaders that are available for immediate purchase. West Side Tractor Sales Company supplied a quote using Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing procurement process. The total purchase price of this new machine with a five-year extended warranty, two buckets, minus the trade-in value of our current 2007 Case Backhoe is \$112,966.21.

**Funding Sources:**

| Source:     | Budgeted Amount: | Proposed Expenditure: |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 01-41-83000 | \$85,000.00      | \$42,966.21           |
| 53-00-83000 | \$70,000.00      | \$70,000.00           |
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**Strategic Plan Goal Application:**      Short term routine – replacing infrastructure/assets.

**Recommendation:**      Approve An Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements and Awarding West Side Tractor Sales Company the Purchase Order for one new John Deere 324L Compact Loader