

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

SUBJECT: Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the Purchase of a DB41 Backyard Digger Derrick through Altec Industries.

Staff Contact: Blake Toliver Superintendent of Electric Operations

Summary:

Staff recommends that the City Council waive competitive bidding requirements and approve the purchase of one (1) Altec DB41 41-foot Tracked Backyard Digger Derrick from Altec Industries through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$258,171.00, including delivery.

The Electric Department is requesting approval to replace its existing 2011 tracked backyard machine, which is reaching the end of its useful service life and has experienced increasing maintenance needs. This specialized piece of equipment is an essential tool for installing and maintaining electrical distribution infrastructure in areas that are inaccessible to conventional line trucks, including backyards, easements, and difficult terrain. The existing unit will be sent to auction once the new unit is placed in service.

The proposed replacement is an Altec DB41 41-foot Tracked Backyard Digger Derrick equipped with a trailer and an isolating material handling jib with winch. The total purchase price, including delivery, is \$258,171.00.

Although staff is requesting a waiver of competitive bidding, this purchase is being made through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Contract #110421-ALT). Sourcewell competitively solicits and awards contracts through a nationally recognized procurement process that satisfies the competitive bidding requirements of the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act (30 ILCS 525). Utilizing this cooperative purchasing contract allows the City to receive competitively bid pricing while avoiding the time and expense of conducting its own formal bid process.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
Electric Funds	\$400,000	\$258,171

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Core Service Delivery

Recommendation: Approve an Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the Purchase of a DB41 Backyard Digger Derrick through Altec Industries.