

STAFF REPORT



SUBJECT: Utility Vacuum Truck
MEETING: Council Meeting - 11 Oct 2022
DEPARTMENT: Public Works – Water/Sewer
STAFF CONTACT: Nick Williams

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to purchase a Utility Vacuum Truck from Lonestar Municipal Equipment as approved in the adopted FY22-23 budget.

BACKGROUND:

The city utilizes a vacuum truck as a core piece of equipment to routinely maintain, clean, and unstop sewer and stormwater lines. The truck also provides the ability to safely hydro-excavate the city's water and sewer lines for potholing or repairs that are adjacent to other sensitive or dangerous buried utilities such as fiber optic, electric, or gas lines.

PROPOSAL:

Attached is a BuyBoard quote received from Lonestar Municipal Equipment of Fort Worth, Texas for the purchase of a GapVax vacuum truck in the amount of \$533,555. The utility department has performed extensive research and had unit demonstrations performed on-site as due diligence in the selection of this critical piece of equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

The FY22-23 adopted budget includes \$550,000 for the vacuum truck. The total purchase cost of the machine is \$533,555 leaving a positive balance of \$16,445.

The Purchasing Manager has confirmed the city is able to purchase this equipment through the BuyBoard cooperative purchasing agency and adhere to all purchasing requirements.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for consideration:

1. Do not recommend approval of the vacuum truck as presented, or
2. Purchase the vacuum truck with financing, or
3. Recommend an alternate vacuum truck.

ADVANTAGES:

1. The cost is under budget.
2. Approval secures Stephenville's order position in line to initiate the truck construction.
3. Securing the vacuum truck helps maintain prolong the life of the sanitary sewer collection system and creates safety for excavation operations in utility-dense areas.

DISADVANTAGES:

1. No disadvantages have been identified.

ATTACHMENTS:

[2022_10-11 – Lonestar Municipal Equipment – Vacuum Truck Quote](#)