



AGENDA MEMO

Business of the City Council

City of Sweeny, Texas

Meeting Date	10.24.2023	Agenda Item	
Approved by City Manager	Yes	Presenter(s)	Lindsay Koskiniemi, City Manager Rusty Lofton, Project Manager
Reviewed by City Attorney	No	Department	Public Works – Wastewater
Subject	Discussion and possible action on staff generated request for the purchase of a new sewer jetter for use on culverts to improve and manage drainage and respond to sewer blockages.		
Attachments	Quotes for new sewer jetter		
Financial Information	Expenditure Required:	TBD	
	Amount Budgeted:	\$0	
	Account Number:		
	Additional Appropriation Required:		
	Additional Account Number:		

Executive Summary

At the September City Council meeting, the Council approved a 30-day lease on a sewer jetter on a trial basis in response to staff’s request for a new jetter. The City owns a jetter that has been serviced several times and still does not work. The council instructed staff to develop a culvert cleaning schedule and to use the leased jetter for one month and report what work had been accomplished in the month to Council. Public Works employees have used the jetter consistently since the start of the lease and have cleaned dozens of culverts throughout the city and responded to sewer stops successfully without having to contact the City of Brazoria to use their equipment.

Staff divided the city into 6 sections and will dedicate 2 Public Works employees twice monthly, or more if needed to prepare for seasonal inclement weather, to cleaning culverts with the Council’s approval of a new jetter.

Staff rented a Kinloch jetter and has used it to clear drainage culverts and sewer stops since the first week of October. While we have not had the leased jetter for the full 30 days, staff is requesting Council’s approval on the purchase of a Kinloch jetter on a lease-to-own basis using \$20,000 earned from the sale of equipment / salvage and trading in the existing jetter for a \$2,000 deduction. With the down payment and trade-in on a lease-to-own payment plan, the monthly cost is estimated to be \$1676 for 4 years for the preferred Vactor model.

Staff obtained quotes from Pipe Hunter and Kinloch for various industrial sewer jettors. Project Manager, Rusty Lofton, will provide an explanation of the differences.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval, and if it is the Council’s pleasure to approve this request, it is further recommended to approve a budget amendment at the November meeting to move the full purchase amount into a TexPool Prime account for equipment replacement. This will allow funds set aside for monthly payments to gain the highest amount of interest as payments come due.