



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Council Session

Item G-8

#2016-271 - Approving the Purchase of a 2017 Motor Grader for the Utilities Department

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Timothy G. Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

Meeting Date: November 8, 2016

Subject: Approving Purchase of a 2017 Motor Grader for Platte
Generating Station

Presenter(s): Timothy G. Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

The Maintenance staff for the Utilities Generation and Water Production maintains the gravel roads at Platte Generating Station, Burdick Station, the Wellfield, and water pumping sites. The total of these sites have over 16 miles of gravel roads. The Maintenance staff is also responsible for snow removal of these gravel roads, as well as emergency snow removal of Wildwood Drive between Highway 281 and South Locust. Wildwood Drive will drift shut, and must be cleared during each shift change for the continued operation of Platte and Burdick Generating Stations and maintain access to the water pumping facilities.

The current model is a 1962 Grader acquired used from the Street Department many years ago. This unit has provided many years of service, but it is becoming more difficult to get parts for repairs. During the major snow storm of 2016, the unit broke down while clearing snow.

The new 2017 Caterpillar Model 12M3 Motor Grader will have increased power and a heavy duty multi-directional dozer/snow plow blade for the front.

Discussion

The City of Grand Island City Council approved the use of the National Joint Powers Alliance Buying Group (NJPA) in 2014, with Resolution 2014-326. To meet competitive bidding requirements, the Utilities Department obtained pricing from the NJPA Contract No. 032515 awarded to Caterpillar.

Utilities Department staff is recommending the purchase of the Motor Grader from Nebraska Machinery Company (NMC Cat) in the amount of \$285,353.00. An amount of \$350,000.00 was approved in the 2015-2016 FY budget for this purchase.

The current 1962 grader will be disposed of through an online auction site.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that Council approve the purchase of a new Motor Grader from NMC Cat for a purchase price of \$285,353.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the purchase of a new Motor Grader from NMC Cat for a purchase price of \$285,353.00.

RESOLUTION 2016-271

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island Production Division of the Utilities Department budgeted for a 2017 Motor Grader in the current budget; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2014 with Resolution 2014-326, the City Council approved the use of the National Joint Powers Alliance Buying Group (NJPA) to meet competitive bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, to meet competitive bidding requirements, the Utilities Department obtained pricing from the NJPA Contract No. 032515 awarded to Caterpillar, such bid being in the amount of \$285,353.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the purchase of a 2017 Motor Grader from the NJPA Contract No. 032515, in the amount of \$285,353.00, is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 8, 2016.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
November 4, 2016	☒ City Attorney