



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Council Session

Item G-5

**#2016-287 - Approving Purchase of a High Lift Loader for Platte
Generating Station**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

Council Agenda Memo

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

Meeting Date: November 22, 2016

Subject: Approving Purchase of a 2017 High Lift Loader for
Platte Generating Station

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

Background

On December 21, 2011, EPA released the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS), requiring the maximum achievable control technology for mercury and other hazardous pollutants from electric generating units, with a compliance date of April 2016.

The Air Quality Control System was added to the Platte Generating Station in 2014 to meet the MATS requirements. The substance to remove acid gases from the flue gas is a lime by-product called scrubber ash. The Platte Generating Station produces an estimated 250,000 pounds of scrubber ash per week, temporarily stored on site until it can be reused as a beneficial agricultural product.

Scrubber ash is loaded into large side dump tractor trailer trucks that haul the material off-site for beneficial reuse. The existing 1989 wheel loader used to handle bottom ash was not capable of loading the scrubber ash into the larger side dump tractor trailer trucks and a high lift loader was rented until a new loader could be purchased.

The new 2017 Caterpillar Model 824K High Lift loader would be capable of handling the loading of both the bottom ash and scrubber ash.

Discussion

The City of Grand Island City Council approved the use of the National Joint Powers Alliance Buying Group (NJPA) 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 High Lift Loader from Nebraska Machinery Company (NMC Cat) in the amount of \$257,527.00. An amount of \$275,000.00 was approved in the 2015-2016 FY budget for this purchase.

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 High Lift Loader from NMC Cat for a purchase price of \$257,527.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the purchase of a new High Lift Loader from NMC Cat for a purchase price of \$257,527.00.

RESOLUTION 2016-287

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island Production Division of the Utilities Department budgeted for a 2017 High Lift Loader 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 \$257,527.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the purchase of a 2017 High Lift Loader from the NJPA Contract No. 032515, in the amount of \$257,527.00, is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 22, 2016.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
November 18, 2016	☒ City Attorney