



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Council Session

Item G-13

**#2017-317 - Approving Purchase of 2018 Compact Track Loader
for the Utilities Department, Underground Division**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

Council Agenda Memo

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

Meeting: November 14, 2017

Subject: 2018 Compact Track Loader – Underground Electric Division

Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

The Underground Electric Division of the Utilities Department has a 2002 Bobcat S185 wheeled skid steer compact loader with over 2,500 hours, and is used as a front-line service unit for installation and maintenance of the underground electric system.

This unit is showing normal signs of aging and has been properly maintained, however, there has been an increase in need for this type of equipment across the Department. The Substation/Transmission Division has needs for this type of equipment to move and haul material for electric substations, and with the addition of the Customer Service Center, a heavy snow typically requires renting an additional machine to adequately handle all of the areas in a timely manner. Currently, equipment of this type is rented by these groups if one is available.

Discussion

There is a need for two machines in the electric transmission and distribution groups. It is recommended that a new machine be purchased for the Underground Electric Division for front-line service, and the existing unit be utilized by the Electric Substation/Transmission Division.

The existing unit is anticipated to last an additional ten years with proper maintenance and reduced usage by having two units. A new loader is included in the current capital improvement budget and a track design was chosen instead of a wheel version to minimize impact to lawns and property. The Grand Island City Council approved the use of the National Joint Powers Alliance Buying Group (NJPA) on October 28, 2014 with Resolution 2014-326. To meet competitive bidding requirements, the Utilities Department obtained pricing from the NJPA Contract No. 14660 OC awarded to Bobcat Company.

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 the Council approve the purchase of a 2018 T595 Compact Track Loader for the Underground Division of the Utilities Department, from Bobcat Company in the amount of \$59,578.64.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the purchase of a 2018 T595 Compact Track Loader from Bobcat Company, in the amount of \$59,578.64.

RESOLUTION 2017-317

WHEREAS, the Substation/Transmission Division of the Utilities Department has a need for a compact track loader to move and haul material for electric substations; and

WHEREAS, the track loader will also be utilized to remove heavy snow that would typically require rental of such equipment; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of a new loader is included in the current capital improvement budget for the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2014 with Resolution 2014-326 The Grand Island City Council approved the use of the National Joint Power Alliance Buying Group (NJPA); and

WHEREAS, to meet competitive bidding requirements, the Utilities Department obtained pricing from the NJPA Contract No. 14660 OC awarded to Bobcat Company for the purchase of the 2018 T595 Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$59,578.64.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the purchase of a 2018 T595 Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$59,578.64 is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 14, 2017.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 9, 2017	☐ City Attorney