



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, August 14, 2018**

**Council Session**

## **Item G-11**

**#2018-230 - Approving Bid Award - Four Drum Puller/Tensioner  
Trailer - Utilities Department, Line Division**

**Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof**

# **Council Agenda Memo**

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

**Meeting:** August 14, 2018

**Subject:** Four Reel Wire Puller – Overhead Electric Division

**Presenter(s):** Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

## **Background**

The Overhead Electric Division of the Utilities Department has a four reel wire puller for pulling in new overhead conductor when rebuilding an existing line or building a new overhead line, however, the existing unit has been pieced together over the years and lacks the features and capabilities of the newer more advanced pullers. A more advanced puller is needed when pulling conductor under certain circumstances which are becoming more frequent. Due to the age of the existing unit and the need for better features, a replacement was budgeted for this fiscal year.

## **Discussion**

The new Four Reel Wire Pullers have several features that give them an advantage over the older styles. The new pullers have the following features that the existing puller does not:

- 1) Can pull wire under tension allowing for pulling over energized lines and installing T-2 conductor per manufacturer's recommendations.
- 2) Self-contained power unit and hydraulics making it much easier to control speed and braking.
- 3) All controls are operated from a single protected position making it much safer and much more user friendly.
- 4) Comes with a rotating turret style operator that makes pulling from tight locations and along roadways much easier.

Specifications for a replacement Four Reel Wire Puller were prepared and advertised in accordance with the City Purchasing Code and sent to four potential bidders. The bids were publicly opened on July 19, 2018. Two bids were received as tabulated below. The budgeted amount for this replacement puller was \$150,000.00.

Bidder	Exceptions	Bid Price
Brooks Brothers Trailer Troy, MO	Minor	\$ 138,950.00
Sherman & Reilly Chattanooga, TN	Noted	\$138,581.00

The exceptions taken by Brooks Brothers were minor and did not affect the overall function and requirements of the trailer. The exceptions taken by Sherman & Reilly would impact the expected function and use of the trailer. Those exceptions include single axle versus specified tandem axle, manual rope wind versus semi-automatic level rope wind and 13-gallon fuel tank versus specified minimum 15 gallon tank.

### **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 Four Reel Wire Puller for the Overhead Division of the Utilities Department, from Brooks Brothers Trailer of Troy, Missouri, in the amount of \$138,950.00.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the purchase of a Four Reel Wire Puller from Brooks Brothers Trailer in the amount of \$138,950.00.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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**BID OPENING**

**BID OPENING DATE:** July 19, 2018 @ 2:00 pm  
**FOR:** Four Drum Puller/Tensioner Trailer  
**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities  
**ESTIMATE:** \$150,000.00  
**FUND/ACCOUNT:** 520  
**PUBLICATION DATE:** July 2, 2018  
**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 4

**SUMMARY**

<b>Bidder:</b>	<b><u>Brooks Brothers Trailer</u></b> Troy, MO	<b><u>Sherman &amp; Reilly</u></b> Chattanooga, TN
<b>Exceptions:</b>	Noted	Noted
<b>Bid Price:</b>	<b>\$138,950.00</b>	<b>\$138,581.00</b>

cc: Tim Luschsinger, Utilities Director  
Marlan Ferguson, City Administrator  
Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent  
Bryan Fiala, Electric Dist. Supt.

Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assistant  
Patrick Brown, Finance Director  
Travis Burdett, Assist. Utilities Director

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RESOLUTION 2018-230

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for a Four Drum Puller/Tensioner Trailer for the Utilities Department, Line Division, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2018, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Brooks Brother Trailer of Troy, Missouri, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$138,950.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Brooks Brothers Trailer is less than the estimate for the Four Drum Puller/Tensioner Trailer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Brooks Brothers Trailer, in the amount of \$138,950.00, for the Four Drum Puller/Tensioner Trailer, is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 14, 2018.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
August 10, 2018	☐ City Attorney