



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Council Session

Item G-6

#2022-137 - Approving Purchase of 2022 John Deere Backhoe Loader for the Underground Division

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

Council Agenda Memo

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

Meeting: May 24, 2022

Subject: Approving Purchase of 2022 John Deere Backhoe Loader
for the Electric Underground Division

Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

The Electric Underground Division of the Utilities Department has a 1995 Ford 475D backhoe loader. This vehicle has approximately 5000 hours which is equivalent to approximately 300,000 miles on the engine and power transmission equipment. This vehicle is heavily used for installation of underground electrical for new developments. This vehicle is in need of replacement due to general wear and tear as well as difficulty in getting replacement parts. Much of it was rebuilt several years ago with limited success.

Discussion

The Grand Island City Council approved the use of the National Joint Powers Alliance Buying Group (now Sourcewell) on October 28, 2014 with Resolution 2014-326. To meet competitive bidding requirements, the Utilities Department obtained pricing from a local provider under the Sourcewell contract.

An acceptable replacement backhoe with the necessary attachments was quoted by Murphy Tractor & Equipment of Grand Island, NE in the amount of \$125,000.

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 the 2022 John Deere Backhoe Loader for the Underground Division of the Utilities Department, from Murphy Tractor & Equipment of Grand Island, NE, in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the purchase of a 2022 John Deere Backhoe Loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment of Grand Island, NE, in the amount of \$125,000.00.



RESOLUTION 2022-137

WHEREAS, the existing 1995 Ford 475D backhoe loader has an equivalent of approximately 300,000 miles on the engine and power transmission equipment and has a variety of maintenance issues; and

WHEREAS, National Joint Powers Alliance Buying Group (now Sourcewell) was approved for use by Council on October 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, an acceptable replacement backhoe with the necessary attachments was quoted by Murphy Tractor and Equipment of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$125,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Underground Department purchase a 2022 John Deere Backhoe Loader from Murphy Tractor and Equipment of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$125,000 is hereby approved.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 24, 2022.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
May 23, 2022	☐ City Attorney