



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Council Session

Item G14

**#2004-246 - Approving Bid Award for a 35,000 GVW Truck
Mounted Sewer Flushing Machine**

Staff Contact: Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works

Meeting: September 28, 2004

Subject: Approving Bid Award for a 35,000 GVW
Truck Mounted Sewer Flushing Machine

Item #'s: G-14

Presenter(s): Steven P. Riehle, P.E., Director of Public Works

Background

On August 26, 2004 the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department advertised for bids for One (1) 35,000 GVW Truck Mounted Sewer Flushing Machine.

Discussion

Four bids were received and opened on September 13, 2004. The Engineering Division of the Public Works Department and the Purchasing Division of the City Attorney's Office have reviewed the bids that were received. All bids were submitted in compliance with the contract, plans, and specifications with the exceptions of the low bidder, Nebraska Truck Center Inc. A summary of the bids is shown below.

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Exceptions</i>	<i>Bid Security</i>	<i>Total Bid</i>
Hansen International Truck Inc.	None	Cashier's Check	\$126,068.85
Hansen International Truck Inc.	None	Cashier's Check	\$140,639.85
Wick's Sterling Trucks, Inc.	None	Employers Mutual Casualty Co.	\$141,000.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Inc.	Noted	Inland Insurance Co.	\$125,460.00

The low bid exceeds the Estimate by \$460.00. It is felt that the current rise in steel prices is responsible for increasing the price of the unit. The exceptions noted by Nebraska Truck Center are minor components and are not considered to have any impact on the quality of the unit.

The estimate for this unit was \$125,000.00. There are sufficient funds in Account No. 53030054-85625 to fund this purchase.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve acquisition of the Truck Mounted Sewer Flushing Machine from the lowest bidder.
2. Disapprove or/Deny the acquisition, thereby rejecting all bids.
3. Modify the terms to meet the wishes of the Council.
4. Table the issue, however, the contractor may withdraw their bid if there is not a contract awarded within 45 days of bid opening.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the acquisition and pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to issue a purchase order to Nebraska Truck Center Inc., of Grand Island, Nebraska, for the amount of \$125,460.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the acquisition of the unit from Nebraska Truck Center Inc., of Grand Island, Nebraska for the Truck Mounted Sewer Flushing Machine.

Purchasing Division of Legal Department
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: September 13, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR: (1) 35,000 GVW Truck Mounted Sewer Flushing Machine

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

ESTIMATE: \$125,000.00

FUND/ACCOUNT: 53030054-85625

PUBLICATION DATE: August 26, 2004

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 7

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Hansen International Truck, Inc.</u> Grand Island, NE	<u>Nebraska Truck Center, Inc.</u> Grand Island, NE
Bid Security:	Cashier's Check	Inland Insurance Company
Exceptions:	None	Noted
Make:	International	Freightliner
Bid Price:	#1 \$126,068.85	\$125,460.00
	#2 \$140,639.85	

Bidder:	<u>Wick's Sterling Trucks, Inc.</u> Omaha, NE
Bid Security:	Employers Mutual Casualty Co.
Exceptions:	None
Make:	Sterling
Bid Price:	\$141,000.00

cc: Steve Riehle, Public Works Director
Gary Greer, City Administrator
Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

Ben Thayer, Supt. of WWTP
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent

RESOLUTION 2004-246

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for one 35,000 GVW Truck Mounted Sewer Flushing Machine, according to plans and specifications on file with the City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2004, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Truck Center, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska, 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 \$125,460.00; and

WHEREAS, although Nebraska Truck Center, Inc.'s bid is \$460 more than the estimate for such equipment, it is believed that such increase is due to the current rise in steel prices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Nebraska Truck Center, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$125,460.00 for one 35,000 GVW truck mounted sewer flushing machine is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 28, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk