



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 02, 2006

Council Session

Item G10

**#2006-130 - Approving Bid Award - Puller/Tensioner - Line
Division, Utilities Department**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Dale Shotkoski

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director
Dale Shotkoski, Interim City Attorney/Purchasing

Meeting: May 2, 2006

Subject: Bid Award – Puller/Tensioner – Utilities Department,
Line Division

Item #'s: G-10

Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Background

The 2005-06 Electric Department Budget includes a new Puller/Tensioner for the Electric Line Division. This device is specifically designed to place conductors for power line construction and rebuild. The older parts of town need to have overhead electrical lines replaced as the system ages. The Department anticipates that the amount of rebuild and reconstruction work will increase in the future and a large percentage of that work will be done in fully developed, congested urban areas. To safely replace conductors while keeping the existing lines energized, requires equipment to keep the new line under tight control and in tension while pulling it into place, immediately next to energized 13,800 volt lines, often on the same poles and cross arms. The Puller/Tensioner is specifically designed for close control while pulling power cable, and would allow the line crew to perform the work more safely than using cable reel brakes and truck winches.

The specifications were advertised in accordance with the City Procurement Code and bids were publicly opened by the City Clerk April 12, 2006. The equipment cost estimate was \$50,000.

Two of the bidders formally responded that they would not bid at this time. One bid was received from Sherman & Reilly, Inc. of Chattanooga, TN. The bid amount was:

<i>Base Bid \$44,800</i>			Total
Option 1	Uniline Rope	\$ 7,900	\$52,790.00
Option 2	Sarlex Rope	\$ 4,450	\$49,250.00

Discussion

The bid of Sherman & Reilly for the Puller/Tensioner with Sarlex rope meets all specifications. And based on the Department's research in developing the specifications, the price is judged to be market competitive.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the purchase of a new Puller/Tensioner from the low compliant bidder
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 award the bid for the Puller/Tensioner with the Sarlex rope to Sherman & Reilly, Inc. of Chattanooga, TN in the amount of \$49,250.00.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the purchase of the Sherman & Reilly Puller/Tensioner with the Sarlex rope and swivel.



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: April 12, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.
FOR: Puller/Tensioner
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$50,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: March 29, 2006
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 6

SUMMARY

Bidder: Sherman & Reilly, Inc.
Chattanooga, TN
Exceptions: None
Base Bid Price: \$44,800.00
\$52,790.00 with Uniline Rope
\$49,250.00 with Sarlex Rope

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Gary Greer, City Administrator
Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

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RESOLUTION 2006-130

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for a Puller / Tensioner for the Line Division of the Utilities Department, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of Utilities Administration; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2006, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Sherman & Reilly, Inc. of Chattanooga, Tennessee, 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 \$49,250 with the Sarlex rope and swivel; and

WHEREAS, Sherman & Reilly, Inc.'s bid is less than the estimate for such project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Sherman & Reilly, Inc. of Chattanooga, Tennessee, in the amount of \$49,250 for Puller / Tensioner with the Sarlex rope and swivel is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 2, 2006.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk