



Agenda Commentary

Item Title/ Subject: Purchase of a new backhoe for Water Maint. Dept.

Staff Source: Gene McCullough, Interim City Manager

Date: July 29th, 2020

History/Background Information: The City uses backhoes in its daily operations in several departments. The water maintenance, streets, solid waste, and cemetery departments all have a backhoe. The solid waste machine is the oldest, with most need of replacement, requiring constant maintenance to keep it functioning. It is used at the dump site for compacting refuse in the roll offs. The machine is a '90 model Case.

Subject Summary: Staff is planning to purchase a new machine, but the new machine was going to be moved to the department that would benefit from it the most, and shuffle machines through the departments as needed to get the newest/best units where they will do the most good. Instead of purchasing the unit out of Solid Waste funds, where it is budgeted, and moving it to the Water Maint. Dept., we are requesting to purchase the backhoe for the Water Maint. Dept. from the Public Works funds, and then the dump site will get a machine handed down to it that is in much better shape but not overkill for its use.

Staff has a quote from CLBOYD John Deere that is State Contract pricing (Sourcewell Purchasing Contract) for \$88,000.

The dump site backhoe would then be made surplus in a near future Council action.

Recommendation: I recommend purchasing the machine from CLBOYD using Public Works funds.

Price/Cost: \$88,000.00