

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – PURCHASE OF TRAILER MOUNTED CABLE PULLER

BACKGROUND:

The City has one trailer mounted cable puller used by the Electric Distribution Division. It is used to pull underground power lines that are being installed to provide service to our customers. The City's existing cable puller was purchased in 1982; and can pull up to 5,000 lbs., which is not enough to safely pull the longer, heavier cable now being installed in the electric distribution network. Electric Distribution staff requested onsite demonstrations of different cable pullers and has defined performance requirements for an acceptable 10,000 lb. unit, which will provide exceptional service at the best price.

The approved budget to purchase this Trailer Mounted Cable Puller is \$190,000. Bids were requested, and Sherman & Reilly of Chattanooga, TN was the lone bidder. Their quoted price for an acceptable Trailer Mounted Cable Puller which meets the bid specification is \$179,445.

<u>Bidder:</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make / Model</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Sherman & Reilly	2014	S&R / U1000XA 10,000 lb.	\$179,445
Use Tax at 5%			<u>8,972</u>
Total			\$188,417

FUNDING:

Electric Distribution Adjusted FY13/14 Budget **\$190,000**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award this contract to Sherman & Reilly of Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the purchase of one 2014 Trailer-Mounted Underground Cable Puller, Model U1000XA, as specified in Bid No. 2014-159 for \$179,445.
2. Reject this quote.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff has determined that the purchase of the one bid Trailer Mounted Underground Puller is the best option at the lowest cost.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.