



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor Donna Dodgen  
City Council  
Steve Parker, City Manager

**From:** John Donnelly, Director of Public Works

**Subject:** Equipment Purchase – 2023 John Deere 75P Small Excavator

**Date:** March 28, 2023

The Public Works 5-Year Capital Equipment plan recommends purchase of a new excavator to replace a 2012 Case Backhoe. The current Case backhoe has had expensive engine issues that the dealer has had problems resolving.

The new small excavator will be used on zipper projects to clean around water and gas valves, sanitary sewer manholes and any other utility that have an access point in the roadways. We will also be able to clean drainage channels with the smooth bucket and if needed, be able to load the horizontal grinder when other wheel loaders are all on other jobs sites. With the many different quick couple attachments this new piece of equipment will save staff time in every task performed by this excavator over the backhoe or other equipment currently used to accomplish these tasks.

Staff has received a quote from RDO Equipment, Co., New Braunfels, Texas in the amount of \$173,931.32, utilizing Sourcewell. Sourcewell is a government unit established under the laws of the State of Minnesota with the purpose of establishing a purchasing cooperative open to other governmental agencies. Sourcewell contracts meet Texas state bidding requirements. Staff finds the new equipment purchase and warranty to be the most cost effective and within the estimated budget of the 5-year plan.

Staff recommends purchase approval of the 2023 John Deere 75P Small Excavator in the amount of \$173,931.32. Funding will come from the mid-year budget amendments as presented for second reading by Finance at the meeting.

Staff will be available to answer any questions.

**Cc:** Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager  
Susan Caddell, Finance Director  
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