

Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Douglas Faseler, City Manager

From: Clarence Smith, Director of Electric Utilities

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Purchase of Wire Pulling Equipment

Date: June 6, 2014

Included in this year's Utility Capital Projects budget is \$550,000 for the Conductor and Pole Replacement Project on N. Heideke Street from I-10 to Martindale Road. Once plans were prepared, M&S Engineering provided an estimated project cost of approximately \$627,787.

In an effort to remain within the allocated funding, staff would like to perform this work internally and purchase the equipment needed to complete the project. Purchasing this equipment would allow staff, when available, to work on projects without going out for bids and complete more projects while saving the City a significant amount of money. After purchasing this equipment the savings on this project would be approximately \$230,000.

Quotes for this equipment were solicited from:

- Global Rental Company
- Technology Int, Inc.
- TSE Int. Inc.
- Hogg & Davis
- Sherman and Reilly

Staff is recommending purchasing the equipment from the second lowest bid, TSE Int., Inc., located in Shreveport, Louisiana, for the amount of \$127,701. The first lowest bid from Technology Int'l, Inc. was for \$6,371.00 less, however the company did not meet all City specifications and did not have sufficient references.

Staff will be available to answer any questions at the Tuesday, June 17, 2014 Council Meeting.