



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Councilmembers
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Clarence Smith, Director of Electrical

Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Date: March 23, 2021

RE: Replacement of underground puller

The City's Electric Utilities Department has been utilizing an underground puller since 2009. This equipment is used to pull all the underground wire on projects when necessary. During the previous fiscal year, staff pulled over 80,000 linear ft of wire, and the department is anticipating pulling at least the same amount or more this fiscal year. Staff is proposing to fund the purchase through savings on projects completed to date. These projects include but are not limited to the new North Substation, CSP Plastics, United Alloy and Martindale Heights. Please note that this is an important piece of equipment that is utilized on both commercial and residential projects.

A quote in the amount of \$167,000 was obtained from Global Rental, Inc. of Houston for the purchase of a UP85BD Underground puller trailer and accessories. The quote was obtained through the utilization of a national purchasing cooperative administered by the State of Minnesota known as Sourcewell. Purchases utilizing Sourcewell contracts are in compliance with Texas bidding requirements. Staff recommends approval.

