

CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
APRIL 16, 2013 AGENDA

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE CHEMICAL ROOT CONTROL FOAMING MACHINE	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JOHN KOTTMANN CITY ENGINEER/ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2013 Vaporooter Jet Set Commander from Nebraska Environmental Products, Lincoln, Nebraska, that will include training and a two-year warranty in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2012/13 Sewer Fund Budget includes funding for the proposed purchase.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval

BACKGROUND

The proposed purchase will replace the current 1993 Vaporooter unit. The current unit is trailer-mounted and requires the use of another vehicle to transport it to job sites. It also requires employees to mix the root control chemical by hand. The current equipment requires four employees to conduct the root foaming operation. Over the last two years the use of the existing equipment has been discontinued due to safety concerns and the root foaming has been done with equipment borrowed from the vendor which is not a long term solution. The new unit has computerized equipment that mixes the chemical and greatly reduces the employee exposure. It also allows the operation to be conducted with two persons. The new equipment will be mounted in the sewer jet truck that was purchased last year and eliminates the need for a separate vehicle to pull the trailer-mounted equipment.

The system is manufactured by the company that supplies the root control chemical. This chemical has been used by the City for a number of years and employees have been trained in the use of this chemical. The manufacturer has authorized Nebraska Environmental Products to be the sole distributor of Vaporooter equipment and chemicals for the State of Nebraska. Therefore, competitive bids were not sought for this piece of equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) VAPOROOTER JET SET COMMANDER FROM NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Vista has determined that the purchase of one (1) Vaporooter Jet Set Commander is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2012/13 Sewer Fund Budget provides funding for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, Subsection (C) (9) of Section 31.23 of the La Vista Municipal code requires that the City Administrator secure council approval prior to authorizing any purchases over \$5,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska authorizing the purchase of one (1) Vaporooter Jet Set Commander from Nebraska Environmental Products, Lincoln, Nebraska in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk