

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-414	Meeting:	November 3, 2025
	Agenda Item:	27	Roll Call:	25-1489
	Submitted by:	Nickolas Schaul, Finance Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase of one (1) replacement catch basin cleaner combination sewer equipment trucks for use by the Department of Public Works, Sewer Maintenance Division.

SYNOPSIS:

- Recommended approval to purchase one (1) Mack 64FR replacement sewer equipment truck chassis for use in the Sewer Operations Division of the Department of Public Works Department utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 032824-MAK from Housby Mack (8700 SE Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, IA 50021; Kelly Housby, CEO) in the amount of \$164,160.
- Recommend approval to purchase one (1) VACALL model AJVR 1015, 10 cubic yard/1500 gallon rear boom and hose reel to be installed by Municipal Pipe and Tool Company on the Mack 64FR replacement sewer equipment truck chassis utilizing Sourcewell Contract Number 101221-GRD from Municipal Pipe Tool Company (515 5th Street, Hudson, IA 50543; Mark Kaler, managing member, and Mike Popovich, Gradall Industries President) in the amount of \$481,946.71.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$646,106.71

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Recommended Operating Budget, Page 78, Equipment Replacement Fund

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The requested catch basin cleaner combination sewer equipment truck will replace one (1) existing International truck purchased in 2016, which was approved for purchase on Roll Call No. 16-036. The vehicle being replaced had an average annual maintenance and repair cost exceeding \$23,000 from calendar year 2021 to calendar year 2024. These costs are projected to increase as the vehicle age increases, which also contributes to vehicle downtime due to unscheduled maintenance demands.
- The Sewer Operations Division utilizes catch basin cleaning equipment to remove obstructions and ensure the efficient operation of the city's sanitary and storm sewer systems. The Sewer Cleaning Section serves as the primary response unit for incidents involving basement backups and sanitary

sewer overflows. Additionally, the section conducts regular cleaning of stormwater intakes to prevent debris accumulation and maintain optimal system performance.

- A similar purchase occurred in 2024 as part of a deliberate lifecycle management process and was approved on Roll Call No. 24-1522.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 4, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1522](#)

Action: [Purchase](#) from Housby Mack Inc. (Kelly Housby, CEO) of five (5) heavy truck chassis, \$749,450; installation by Henderson Products Inc. (John Siever, President) of four (4) chassis upfitted with a dump body and snowplow equipment, \$672,028; and installation by Municipal Pipe and Tool LLC (Mark Kaler, managing member) of one (1) chassis upfitted with a Vacall catch basin cleaner, \$490,796.61 per Sourcwell purchasing contracts for use by the Public Works Department. Total amount \$1,912,274.61. ([Council Communication No. 24-440](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0. Absent: Simonson.

Date: February 22, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-0306](#)

Action: [Bid](#) from O'Halloran International (Jim O'Halloran, President) for three (3) replacement catch basin cleaners for use by the Public Works Department, \$877,725. (Six [6] potential bidders, five [5] received with 11 proposals). ([Council Communication No. 16-098](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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