



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Robert Vestal, Public Works Director  
**DATE:** November 21, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** The Purchase of a New 12-Yard Dump Truck

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**Description** Pre-approval for the purchase of dump truck within Fiscal Year 2023-24.

### **Background and Analysis:**

On September 13, 2023, City staff obtained a quote to purchase a new 12-yard dump truck from National Auto Fleet Group. National Auto Fleet Group is registered with Sourcewell, which is a public agency that offers competitively solicited, cooperative contracts for the purchase of products and services to government, education, and nonprofit organizations. The quote was for \$196,122.50.

On October 17, 2023, the City Council, by resolution, adopted the Second Amendment to the City's Fiscal Years (FY) 2023/24 – 2027/28 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP established a \$200,000 budget for the purchase of a new 12-yard dump truck.

Immediately after the second amendment was adopted Staff initiated the purchase of the new 12-yard dump truck; however, the truck was no longer available, and an equivalent truck increased in price to \$208,391.68.

### **Pre-Approval of Vehicles and Equipment Purchases**

Per the City of Beaumont Municipal Code 3.01.050, all purchases of materials, supplies, and equipment above \$60,000 are to be brought forward to Council for approval if they exceed the planned budget. Demand and prices for equipment and vehicles have increased because of international and domestic supply chain disruption. Purchasing this item has become very difficult as supply is limited.

Staff is requesting that Council give the authority to purchase this item within **125%** of the appropriated budget limit when it is available, as the delay to bring these items to Council could result in price increases or even the items becoming unavailable. The pre-approval will allow staff to potentially avoid operational disruptions that could arise

from not receiving these items. The pre-approval will be limited to the current FY and re-evaluated as market conditions improve.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The cost to prepare this staff report is estimated to be \$350.

The impact of General Fund adjustment is to increase expenditure authority by \$50,000.

This will reduce the fund balance in the General Fund by this same amount. CIP R-31 has an approved General Fund budget of \$200,000.

The Finance Director will adjust CIP R-31's budget during the mid-year budget adjustment.

**Recommended Action:**

Provide pre-approval for the purchase of a new 12-yard dump truck in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

**Attachments:**

None