

CITY OF HOBART BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

Resolution No. 2013-03

A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of an Automated Side Loader Garbage Truck by the City as an Emergency “Special Purchase”

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works and Safety (“Board”), City of Hobart, Indiana (“City”) is the purchasing agency for the City pursuant to §31.004(A) of the Municipal Code of the City of Hobart enacted pursuant to the authority of I.C. §5-22-4-5(a); and

WHEREAS, the Board, as the City’s purchasing agency, has all of the powers and duties authorized under I.C. §5-22; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been informed by the Department of Public Works of the City (“DPW”) that one of the City’s garbage trucks which dates from 1997 broke down on August 21, 2013, and the unit cannot be repaired since the hopper and related parts are separating from the chassis due to structural failure and corrosion. By any measure, the unit has reached its useful life; and

WHEREAS, there are no other available units to fill the place of the broken unit, and the City’s waste collection needs cannot be served adequately without replacing it immediately. Temperatures are forecast near 90 degrees F. for the next seven (7) to (10) days, and the accumulation of uncollected refuse under these circumstances may present a risk to the public health in some parts of the City; and

WHEREAS, any replacement unit requires must be equipped with automated side loading equipment which permits the truck to grasp, lift and dump new City-supplied trash receptacles without the need for hands-on lifting and dumping by City personnel as the other trucks utilized by the City are now configured; and

WHEREAS, the City has commenced a program of distributing standardized trash receptacles to all homes in the City, and has enacted legislation requiring that all trash and recyclables be deposited in such receptacles for pick-up. Said receptacles are designed to be grasped and dumped by trucks equipped with the automated side-loading device described above. The program results in increased efficiency and safety by eliminating the need for more than one person, the driver-operator, on a trash collection crew, allowing those employees to be assigned to other tasks and will significantly reduce operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the DPW has solicited quotes for a replacement vehicle in new or demonstrator condition with immediate delivery. The ordering of a new garbage truck of this kind normally requires six months or more for delivery; and

WHEREAS, DPW has conducted an quick but extensive search for qualifying used equipment, which, due to the demand for trucks of this type and their high acquisition cost new are in short supply; and

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48 WHEREAS, the DPW has solicited written quotes from three dealers in this kind of
49 equipment including Standard Equipment Company, and Stoops Equipment. Stoops replied with
50 a quote for a 2013 Freightliner with LaBrie Hopper and Loader at a quoted price of \$262,000.00.
51 Best Equipment Company of Indianapolis, Indiana responded with a quote for a demonstrator, a
52 2013 Freightliner SD108 Conventional Cab Chassis with 350 horsepower ISC Cummins engine
53 with New Way 31 yard Automated Side Loader at a price of \$235,000.00; and
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55 WHEREAS, the City Executive has determined that said vehicle be acquired through a
56 lease-purchase arrangement over a three-year period. Lease quotes were solicited and TCF
57 Equipment Finance, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana offered a lease for such term at 2.74% per
58 annum rate of interest with an annual payment of 80,487.00 with first payment due at lease
59 commencement. The sum of the lease payments would be \$241,461.00; and
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61 WHEREAS, the Board, having obtained the foregoing information, and desiring to
62 authorize said special purchase now makes the following findings of fact, enters the orders
63 below, and desires to spread same upon the public record.
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65 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City
66 of Hobart, Indiana, that:
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68 1. The Board now finds and determines that all facts stated in the above prefatory
69 paragraphs of this Resolution are true.
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71 2. The Board further finds that an emergency exists requiring the immediate
72 acquisition of a replacement garbage truck of a type compatible with the City's existing fleet and
73 its special garbage receptacles described above. Pursuant to I.C. §5-22-10-1, *et seq.* the Best
74 Equipment quote is the lowest responsible and responsive quote received for a qualifying truck
75 and concludes that the acquisition of the truck described above under the terms set forth herein
76 constitute a qualified special purchase and that such vehicle may be purchased without soliciting
77 sealed bids.
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79 3. The terms of the lease proposed by TCF Equipment Financing for the acquisition
80 of the vehicle over three years provides a reasonable total of lease payments. The Board
81 determines that these lease terms are based on an interest rate of 2.74 % *per annum* which is
82 within a reasonable range for municipal borrowing for equipment of this type, and concludes that
83 the lease arrangement proposed by TCF Equipment Finance, Inc. should be accepted.
84 Accordingly, the Board authorizes said lease for the acquisition of the vehicle. At the end of said
85 lease, upon payment of the sum of \$1.00 for each vehicle, the City will assume ownership of
86 same.
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88 4. Based on the foregoing findings, the Board now orders and directs that the 2013
89 Freightliner SD108 Conventional Cab Chassis with 350 horsepower ISC Cummins engine with
90 New Way 31 yard Automated Side Loader at a price of \$235,000.00, offered by Best Equipment
91 Company, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana be purchased at the unit price stated above, \$235,000.00.
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