



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Purchase of Sewer Rodding Machine

MEETING DATE: March 6, 1991

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached Resolution awarding the purchase of the sewer rodding machine to 3-T Equipment Company of Petaluma, California in the amount of \$27,383.50 and approve an additional \$1,623.50 over the budgeted funds of \$25,706.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Funds to purchase a sectional sewer rodding machine for the Water/Wastewater Division were approved in the 1989-90 operating budget and specifications were approved by the the City Council on January 2, 1991. (A special allocation request was approved on July 17, 1990 to carry over the funds to the 1990-91 fiscal year.) Two bids were received and opened on January 30, 1991.

The low bidder, 3-T Equipment met the specifications with four exceptions which were reviewed and found acceptable. The low bid exceeds the budgeted \$25,760.00 by \$1,623.50. This increase is mainly due to inflation and the added cost of painting the existing truck on which the rodding machine will be mounted.

The following is a recap of the bids:

3-T Equipment Company	\$27,383.50
Weco Industries, Inc.	\$32,535.64

FUNDING:	\$25,760.00	17.1-012.06	Sewer Rodding Machine
	\$ 1,623.50	17.1-012	Sewer Equipment Fund

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 Public Works Director

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Prepared by Frank Beeler, Assistant Water/Wastewater Superintendent

cc: Purchasing Officer
Water/Wastewater Superintendent

APPROVED: *Thomas A. Peterson*
 THOMAS A. PETERSON
 City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 91-36
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A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
REJECTING THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEWER RODDING MACHINE
FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, in answer to notice duly published in accordance with law and the order of this City Council, sealed bids were received and publicly opened on January 30, 1991 at 11:00 a.m. for the bid for the purchase of a sewer rodding machine, described in the specifications therefor approved by the City Council on January 2, 1991; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been compared, checked, and tabulated and a report thereof filed with the City Manager as follows:

3-T Equipment Company	\$27,383.50
Weco Industries, Inc.	\$32,535.64

WHEREAS, the low bidder, 3-T Equipment Company did not follow the bid specifications and a number of exceptions to the bid specifications were noted in that bid which are considered by the Council to be unacceptable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby rejects both of the bids submitted, and authorizes readvertising for bids for the sewer rodding machine.

Dated: March 6, 1991

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 91-36 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held March 6, 1991 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Pennino, Pinkerton, Sieglock, Snider and Hinchman (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None

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Dear Ms. Reimche:

SUBJECT: March 6, 1991 Counsel Meeting Consent Calendar
Sectional Sewer Rodding Machine

Through discussion with the using department, I understand recommendation for approval of a Sectional Sewer Rodding Machine will go before City Counsel on March 6, 1991.

I request that this item be removed from the Consent Calendar and added to Counsels' Regular Calendar for discussion. The recommended bid does not meet the bid specifications in several areas. I feel these exceptions should be discussed and I plan to appear at the Counsel Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. Should you have any questions, please contact myself or Gordon White at 800-677-6661.

Sincerely,

WEICO INDUSTRIES, INC.

Nancy Mullaney
Nancy Mullaney
Regional Sales Manager

MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Public Works Department

TO: Public Works Director
FROM: Assistant Water/Wastewater Superintendent
DATE: March 4, 1991
SUBJECT: Sewer Rodding Machine Bid Exceptions.

Questions have been raised by WECO regarding the exceptions allowed in the recommendation to award the sewer rodding machine purchase to the 3-T Company.

There were four exceptions to the sewer rodding machine specifications in the 3-T bid. One exception was major and three were minor.

The major exception was with the automatic operating mode. In addition to a manual operating mode, the specs called for a fully automatic forward-reverse system. The 3-T bid has what could be called a "semi-automatic" system.

While rodding a sewer line both systems will sense an obstruction, stop, and pull back a predetermined distance. The 3-T rodding machine at this point requires that the operator select a forward speed by pushing a button before rodding continues. The WECO rodding machine would automatically move forward at this point. Additionally the WECO machine will also work automatically in the reverse mode, 3-T only in the forward mode.

Operators of a 3-T rodding machine similar to the one bid were interviewed and find the 3-T system very satisfactory. A WECO representative stated that their system would bid \$2,800.00 less if a "semi-automatic" mode were permitted.

The first minor exception is the thickness and shape of the shroud (covering). Specs called for a 12 gauge-round shaped shroud. 3-T's shroud is 14 gauge steel and octagonal shaped. We find this exception acceptable.

The second minor exception is the weight of the rod guide bell and eighteen foot hose. Specs called for 58 lbs. maximum. 3-T's 66 lbs. for the above acceptable to the City.

The third minor exception is the type of steel used for the sewer rods. Specs called for "blue steel" and 3-T's bid is for "premium steel". The cost is estimated to be \$628.00 less for premium steel. Historically, the City has used the premium steel rods and has found them an acceptable product.

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MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Public Works Department
March 4, 1991
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The WECO rodding machine bid was \$5,152.14 higher than the 3-T bid. The estimated cost difference by allowing a "semi-automatic" operating mode and premium steel would be \$3,428.00. This would still leave WECO's bid \$1724.14 higher than 3-T's bid. We did not feel rebidding the rodding machine was warranted.

The monies for the rodding machine were approved in the 1989-90 budget and the Water/Wastewater division wants to avoid any further unnecessary delays.



Frank Beeler
Assistant Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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cc: Water/Wastewater Superintendent