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To City Council and Administration  
From Carl R. Ray, Water and Wastewater Director  
Date 12/04/2025  
Subject **Award Recommendation for Combination Sewer Cleaning Truck Cab and Chassis, and Body**

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The Wastewater Department uses two combination sewer cleaning trucks to hydraulically clean and vacuum material from the wastewater collection system as well as the storm drain system and potholing. One of the trucks has a 2004 Vac-Con body and a 2005 International cab and chassis. The truck has served us well for 20 years, but it is getting difficult to find parts and the repair costs are climbing. Replacement of the truck was budgeted for the 2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$800,000

Bid documents were prepared with an emphasis on components that provide safety, durability, and work well in our collective experience. Two bid documents were prepared: one for the cab and chassis, and one for the body. The truck was bid in this manner because it has resulted in lower overall cost in the past. The bid was advertised, and individual possible vendors of this type of equipment were notified of the bid. Bids were opened on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2:00 pm. Six bids for the cab and chassis were received and six bids for the body were received.

The bids were carefully evaluated and dimensions verified. In some cases, vendors claimed specifications were met or exceeded, but upon review of documentation provided that was not the case. A bid tab is presented on page 3 of this document.

The body that met all specifications was the 2026 Vac-Con V312 11500 LHA proposed by OJ Watson Company, Inc. The cab and chassis that met or exceeded most specifications was the 2027 Peterbilt 567 proposed by Grand Junction Peterbilt. Trade-in values ranged from \$2,500 to \$25,000 depending on the cab/chassis and body combination and in some cases no trade-in value was allowed.

The Peterbilt cab and chassis is the highest cost option, however the engine and chassis exceed the specifications. Other bidders specified engines that either barely met or did not meet the specification. Several bidders specified the Cummins X12 engine which has a maximum torque of 1700 lb-ft and one specified a Cummins L9 which has a maximum torque of 1250 lb-ft. The bid specification was 1700 lb-ft. The Peterbilt bid specified a Cummins X15 engine which has a maximum torque of 2050 lb-ft which exceeds the bid specification significantly. The Vac-Con body was the second highest cost option, but met all specifications and our experience with them has shown

excellent performance and we appreciate the safety of being able to operate the truck with the main engine off which makes for a much quieter operation.

Noting that the Peterbilt and Vac-Con combination met specifications best, we reached out to Grand Junction Peterbilt because their bid indicated that they were unable to get the necessary specifications that the Vac-Con body needed prior to the bid opening. I reached out directly to Vac-Con to get answers. The Peterbilt cab and chassis is compatible with the Vac-Con body. During this process, Grand Junction Peterbilt offered to increase the trade amount to \$30,000 and if the City of Craig wishes to pay Grand Junction Peterbilt for the cab and chassis when it gets built, we could save an additional \$10,000 due to them not paying interest charges while the cab/chassis and body are being mated together.

We recommend awarding the bid for the cab and chassis to Grand Junction Peterbilt in the amount \$148,857.00 which includes the early payment as follows:

Bid	\$188,857.00
Trade Allowance	-\$30,000.00
Early Payment	-\$10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$148,857.00</b>

We recommend awarding the bid for the body to OJ Waston Company, Inc. in the amount of \$475,000.00.

The total for the finished truck is \$623,857.00 which is \$176,143.00 under the budgeted amount.

### Cab and Chassis

	Transwest Trucks X12 Engine	Transwest Trucks L9 Engine	McCandless Truck Center	Joe Jonson Equipment	Grand Junction Peterbilt	Dawson Infrastructure Solutions
	2027 Freightliner 114 SD	2027 Freightliner 114 SD	2027 International HV515	2027 Freightliner 114 SD Plus	2027 Peterbilt 567	Freightliner 114 SD Plus
<b>Engine</b>	Meets Most	Does Not Meet	Meets Most	Meets Most	Exceeds	Meets Most
<b>Transmission and Differential</b>	Meets	Meets	Meets	Does Not Meet	Meets	Meets
<b>Brakes</b>	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets
<b>Steering</b>	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets
<b>Tires</b>	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets
<b>Chassis</b>	Meets Most	Meets Most	Meets	Meets Most	Exceeds	Meets Most
<b>Cab</b>	Meets Most	Meets Most	Does Not Meet	Meets Most	Meets Most	Meets Most
<b>Gauges/Warning Lights</b>	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets
<b>Paint</b>	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets
<b>Service &amp; Parts Manuals</b>	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet	Meets	Does Not Meet
<b>Bid</b>	\$147,990.00	\$142,934.00	\$157,122.60	\$140,979.00	\$184,651.00	\$156,144.00
<b>Extended Emission Warranty</b>	\$1,150.00	\$965.00	Purchase with Engine Warranty	\$1,620.00	\$0.00	No Bid
<b>Extended Engine Warranty</b>	\$2,705.00	\$2,040.00	\$4,096.00	\$2,250.00	\$3,300.00	No Bid
<b>Extended Transmission Warranty</b>	\$1,724.00	\$1,724.00	\$1,056.00	\$1,740.00	\$906.00	No Bid
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$153,569.00</b>	<b>\$147,663.00</b>	<b>\$162,274.60</b>	<b>\$146,589.00</b>	<b>\$188,857.00</b>	<b>\$156,144.00</b>

### Body

	Joe Jonson Equipment	Dawson Infrastructure Solutions	Faris Machinery	Kois Brothers Equipment Company	OJ Watson Company, Inc.	Kaiser Premier
	2027 Vactor 2100	Sewer Equipment Co of America	2026 Gapvax 1511	2026 Super Products Camel Maxx	2026 Vac_Con V312 11500 LHA	2025 Kaiser Premier EcoCycler
<b>Vacuum System</b>	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet	Does Not Meet	Meets	Does Not Meet
<b>Debris Body</b>	Meets	Meets	Does Not Meet	Meets	Meets	Does Not Meet
<b>Water System</b>	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Does Not Meet
<b>Auxillary Engine</b>	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Meets	Not Available
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets	Meets
<b>Bid</b>	<b>\$411,227.48</b>	<b>\$451,697.00</b>	<b>\$398,656.25</b>	<b>\$415,719.00</b>	<b>\$475,000.00</b>	<b>\$642,056.00</b>