

UTILITY COMMITTEE
January 2, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Turchi, Members Carroll and Hegy

ABSENT: Member Kohler

ALSO PRESENT: Utility Director Rhodes, Plant and Collection Systems Director Piquett

Call to Order – Chairperson Turchi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Public Comment Period – None.

Electric Service Interruptions and Water Main Breaks – There were no electric service interruptions to report. Utility Director Rhodes mentioned the water main breaks that occurred in December.

Update on Purchase of Wire Reel Trailer – Utility Director Rhodes provided an update on the purchase of a wire reel trailer. \$9,500 was budgeted in 2018 for the trailer. Quotes were obtained in early December, with B & B Trailers submitting the lowest quote at \$8,449. An order was placed with B & B Trailers in late December. According to the City's Purchasing Policy this does not require any action by the Utility Committee. This is for information only.

Update on PSC Electric Rate Adjustment – Utility Director Rhodes provided an update on the PSC Electric Rate Adjustment. The PSC is currently working on the final rate design to see how each rate group would be affected. A public hearing on the proposed rate adjustment would be held in mid to late January, with rates going into effect either in February or March. Mr. Rhodes responded to questions from the Committee.

Purchase Used Compact Excavator – The 2018 CIP listed the compact excavator as an addition to the fleet rather than a replacement and delayed the replacement of a backhoe to a future year. As there was an increased demand for excavation equipment in 2017 due to the number of new developments in Hartford and Slinger, there was an immediate need to rent a piece of equipment to complete projects in a timely manner. Staff researched and operated a variety of compact excavators to find a machine that would meet specifications. The excavator selected is a Takeuchi model TB290 from Kelbe Brothers Equipment. This machine is two years old and has been lightly used as a demo unit. The Utility signed a rental agreement with Kelbe Brothers in June to rent that TB290 with the option to have 92.5% of the rental fees applied to the purchase price. With the rental fees applied, the final cost for this excavator is \$62,764. The approved 2018 CIP includes \$64,300 to purchase this machine.

MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, seconded by Alderperson Carroll recommending to the Common Council to purchase the Takeuchi TB290 from Kelbe Brothers Equipment, Butler, for a cost not to exceed \$62,764. MOTION CARRIED.

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Update on Private Sewer Lateral Incentive Program – Plant and Collection Systems Director Piquett provided information on a private sewer lateral incentive program, and responded to questions. This is something the City Administrator, City Engineer, and he have been talking about for a while. It was the consensus of the Committee that staff continue to investigate the program.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy for adjournment. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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