

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO

FOR AGENDA OF COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION – DATE: August 22, 2013

ACTION REQUESTED BY: Huntsville Utilities

COUNCILMAN: ALL DISTRICT: ALL

SUBJECT MATTER: Electric Department Purchase

EXACT WORDING FOR AGENDA: Resolution authorizing the approval to purchase cellular services for cell phones and data plans for tablets and/or air cards. (PR#10126340) (Utilities: Electric).

ORDINANCE: RESOLUTION: X MOTION:

(IF AMENDMENT, STATE TITLE AND NUMBER OF ORIGINAL): N/A

ITEM IS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR:

INTRODUCTION: ACTION: X DISCUSSION:

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUIRED? No

BRIEFLY STATE WHY THE ACTION IS REQUESTED; WHY IT IS RECOMMENDED OR NOT RECOMMENDED; WHAT COUNCIL ACTION WILL PROVIDE, ALLOW, OR ACCOMPLISH; ANY ASSOCIATED COST; BUDGETED (?); AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU THINK MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

Purchase and award contract to Verizon for all data plans, and keep our existing T-Mobile per minute plan for users with low usage and no need for e-mail communications. This contract is intended to be carried over/renewed yearly for up to five years, unless significant changes in pricing and/or service options become available in this time period. The total estimated cost to Huntsville Utilities is \$141,500.00 per year. This is an Expense budgeted item (**Purchase Requisition #10126340**).

MAYOR RECOMMENDS OR CONCURS? YES _____ NO _____ N/A _____

SIGNATURE: William C. Pippin, President/CEO

DATE: July 24, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 13-_____

WHEREAS, the Huntsville Electric Utility Board has approved Purchase Requisition PR-10126340, which allows for purchase of cellular services with Verizon for cell phones and data plans for tables and/or air, at an estimated cost of \$141,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure of such amount being in excess of the sum of \$25,000.00 requires the consent and approval of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the purchase of cellular services with Verizon for cell phones and data plans for tables and/or air, at an estimated cost of \$141,500.00, be, and the same is hereby approved, and the written consent and approval of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is hereby given to the Huntsville Electric Utility Board for the expenditure of sufficient funds from the proper fund belonging to the Huntsville Electric Utility Board.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2013.

President of the City Council of
The City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama



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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Purchase Requisition #10126340

Purchase Requisition #10126340 – Huntsville Utilities, Multiplexer - Communications

This requisition is for the purchase of cellular services for cell phones and data plans for tablets and/or air cards. Bids were procured from all of the cellular providers in Madison County and evaluations were performed, taking into account pricing and more importantly, service territory. We have experienced issues with many areas on the current T-Mobile network, and have been moving individual lines/cell phones to Verizon network in order for employees to get better cell phone service at their homes or in their work areas. This has become more important as we move more and more to e-mail and web based communications, especially for emergencies and more time critical operations. Evaluations were done of the AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, and T-Mobile service territories and Verizon by far had the best footprint in Madison County. Based on pricing obtained through the bid process, we are recommending that Verizon be awarded all data plans, and that we keep our existing T-Mobile per minute plan for users with low usage and no need for e-mail communications on their phones. This old plan has no minimum bill and is significantly more economical for low usage and emergency stand-by phones. Non-data plan users in areas where T-Mobile service is not available will be moved to Verizon phones on a case by case basis. This contract is intended to be carried over/renewed yearly for up to five years, unless significant changes in pricing and/or service options become available in this time period. This is an Expense, budgeted item for Cost Center #606000, Cost Element #501052.

Total Estimated Cost: \$141,500.00 per year

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Purchase Requisition 10126340

Texts Release strategy

Header note ✓

Cell Phone Contracts for All departments
 Standard, per minute cellphones (No data) - to T-Mobile on grandfathered plan
 Smart Phones, with Data, email, texting, etc - To Verizon
 Air cards, data Plans for tablets, etc... - to Verizon

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	10	K		Cell Phone (per-minute plan-NON d...	125	LOT	132.00		16,500.00	D	08/03/2013	9135	1000
	20	K		Cell Phones (Smart Phones, with D...	200	LOT	600.00		120,000.00	D	08/03/2013	9135	1000
	30	K		Data Plans (Air Cards, IPADS, etc)	10	LOT	500.00		5,000.00	D	08/03/2013	9135	1000
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Item Detail

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