

## REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

**DATE:** October 13, 2025

**FROM:** Josh Russell, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of 28 Cubic Yard Automated Garbage Truck through Sourcewell Cooperative Contract with Funding Assistance from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Waste Reduction Grant

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the purchase of a new 28 cubic yard Heil Automated Garbage Truck through Sourcewell Cooperative Contract 0110223-THC.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Automated garbage trucks are utilized by Sanitation drivers to collect household garbage and recycle material from 96-gallon carts. The division collects approximately 16,900 tons of garbage and 1,800 tons of recycle material annually.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Sanitation Division utilizes five (5) automated trucks for household garbage collection and four (4) automated trucks for household recycle collection daily. Household garbage is directly hauled to Quad County Landfill in Byhalia, Mississippi for disposal following collection. Recyclables are hauled to the Town's transfer station located at 450 E. South St. and transferred into semi-trailers. The material is then transported via semi-tractor-trailer to the West Tennessee Regional Recycling Hub in Henderson, Tennessee for processing.

In the event of maintenance or repairs to primary automated trucks, the division maintains four (4) backup trucks to ensure collection of household garbage and recyclable material. As trucks reach approximately seven (7) years in age, they are replaced by a new truck and moved to a backup status. At this point in time, the oldest or most problematic existing backup truck will be sold through GovDeals (Government Surplus Auctions). Based on past rotations, trucks are typically sold between twelve (12) and fifteen (15) years of age.

If approved, this new automated truck will replace Unit #450, a 2012 model automated recycle collection truck currently serving as a backup. Unit #450 will be surplus once the new truck arrives. This purchase is being made possible through a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Waste Reduction Grant, and as part of the grant agreement the new truck will be dedicated solely to the collection of single-stream recyclables.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**  
**FY 2026**

Fund	Dept.	Obj. Code	Description	Approved Line Item Budget	Previous Expenses	Proposed Expense <sup>(1)</sup>	Balance	Budget Impact
125	43200	944-1	Automated Garbage Truck	\$440,000.00	\$0.00	\$426,927.50	\$13,072.50	N/A

*(1) This purchase will be completed with a 50/50 cost share through the TDEC Waste Reduction Grant. The Town will pay the full purchase price up front and will be reimbursed for 50% of the cost (\$213,464.00) after the unit is received and accepted.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Automated Side Loader Quote.pdf](#)

[TDEC Letter.pdf](#)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

To authorize the purchase of one (1) 28 cubic yard Heil Automated Garbage Truck from River City Hydraulics, Inc., in the amount of \$426,927.50 through Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #0110223-THC, with funding assistance provided by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Waste Reduction Grant.

**Board Action:** Motion By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						