

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- m. Approval purchase of a Case Loader/Backhoe from Briggs Equipment, utilizing Florida Sheriff's contract #07-15-0827 for \$88,817.17 (budgeted item)

Memorandum

DATE: March 4, 2008  
TO: City Council  
THROUGH: City Manager Judie Zimomra  
FROM: Public Works Director Gates Castle *MSC*  
RE: Loader/Backhoe Purchase

Recommendation: Approve purchase of a Case Loader/Backhoe from Briggs Equipment, utilizing Florida Sheriffs Contract # 07-15-0827 for \$88,817.17

The City utilizes a loader/backhoe (a piece of equipment with a loader bucket on one end and an excavating bucket on the other) to:

1. Excavate and maintain drainage swales
2. Fill roadside depressions
3. Place shellrock for road reshelling and grading
4. Clear roadways and shared use paths
5. Load and off-load materials and supplies
6. Excavate for sewer repairs and installations

This equipment is on a 10-year replacement schedule. A 1995 model Case is currently used on day-to-day basis, while a 2000 model Caterpillar is utilized to clean the Boat Ramp and for other salt water immersion applications. It is proposed to add a third loader to the fleet, which can be the primary piece of equipment with the 1995 Case as a back-up. The 2000 Caterpillar will be kept for salt water applications.

Staff recommends that Council approve the purchase of a Case loader/backhoe from Briggs Equipment for \$88,817.17 through Florida Sheriffs Contract # 07-15-0827. The Capital Improvement budget (Fund 300) includes \$105,000 for this purchase.

C: Finance Director Renee' Lynch  
City Attorney Ken Cuyler