



**MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2024**

**TO:** Mayor Jordan and City Council  
**THRU:** Susan Norton, Chief of Staff  
**FROM:** Tim Nyander, Utilities Director  
**DATE:**  
**SUBJECT:** Arkansas One-Call System, Inc. – Utility Locating Services

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends waiving competitive bidding and authorizing the purchase of utility locating services from Arkansas One-Call System, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year for all City departments on an as-needed basis through December 31, 2029.

**BACKGROUND:**

Arkansas One-Call System, Inc. provides utility locating services for the Water & Sewer Department to make sure that City of Fayetteville employees don't damage other utilities in the course of installing lines and taps and performing repairs on the water and sewer system. Ark. Code Ann. 14-271-107 requires the City of Fayetteville to be a part of the One Call Center as owners of an underground utility system. Arkansas One-Call System, Inc. is the sole provider of this service in Arkansas.

**DISCUSSION:**

For the Water & Sewer Department, locating service from Arkansas One-Call System have usually cost under \$35,000.00 annually. However, other City departments utilize Arkansas One-Call. With those other departments, the combined amount will exceed \$35,000.00 per year, requiring City Council approval.

Since Arkansas One-Call is the sole provider of utility locating services in Arkansas, staff recommends approval of the purchase of utility locating services from Arkansas One-Call System, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year for all City departments on an as-needed basis through December 31, 2029.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

Funds are available in the Construction Materials accounts within the Water & Sewer Fund and the Street Fund.

**ATTACHMENTS:** SRF (#3), 2023 Membership Fees (#4)