

## **STAFF REPORT**

Subject: Stand-on Sprayer/Spreader

Department/Program: Parks & Recreation

**Explanation:** In an effort to improve the turf in our parks, the 2023 budget includes \$18,000 for the purchase of a stand-on sprayer/spreader. If approved, the purchase of this equipment would allow us to treat our turf for weed prevention, fertilization, etc. with either granular or liquid chemicals. In the past, we have tried using the sprayer from the golf course, but it is too large to be used in many areas of the parks, especially around buildings. In addition, when we would need to use this unit is normally when the golf course needs to use theirs. This unit would also provide backup should the golf course sprayer be down for repairs.

Two bids were received for this purchase; one from Scott's Power Equipment and one from Advanced Turf Solutions. Scott's Power equipment came in \$1,300 less; however, we are recommending the bid from Advance Turf Solutions. Required specifications were shared in the RFP to ensure a fair bid process. Advanced Turf Solutions' bid best met the requirements. Engine horsepower, larger hopper capacity, and the dual pumps make the Steel Green sprayer more versatile with park and golf course use should the need arise. The purchase of the unit from Advance Turf Solutions would still be under the City's budget for this item.

**Recommendation:** Award the purchase of the stand on sprayer/spreader to Advance Turf Solutions in the amount of \$17,115.00.

Submitted By: Chris Conway, CPRP, Director of Parks & Recreation

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