



REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 10/15/2024
Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Approve the Trade-ins of 2005 Toro 3500-D Groundmaster and 2003 John Deere 1445 Mowers and Purchase of the 2023 John Deere Z950M Mower from Midwest Machinery Co.

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Trails Division of the Public Works Department needs to add another 60" wide mower due to the expansion of the parks and trails system over the past several years. City staff's plan is to trade in two mowers that we don't use for a mower that we would use at no cost to the City. This would also free up space in the cold storage building, space that is at a premium at this time.

The City has a 2005 Toro 3500-D Groundmaster mower that staff does not use. It's a golf course greens mower and was originally purchased when the parks and trails system was smaller and there was more time to cut and stripe the fields for regional tournaments for recreation baseball. The City has not had regional tournaments in many years; therefore, it do not get used very often.

The City also has a 2003 John Deere 1445 mower with a 72" deck that was originally purchased to mow trail boulevards and open areas before the City standardized most boulevards to be 60" wide. Staff has had constant overheating problems with this mower that mechanics can't seem to fix.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The trade allowance for the 2005 Toro 3500-D Groundmaster is \$8,000.00, and 2003 John Deere 1445 is \$5,325.25 for a total of \$13,325.25. The cost of the new 2023 John Deere Z950M is \$13,325.25. I did not solicit a second quote due to not finding a store that would take in trades and have a lesser cost of a new mower such as the "hold over model" that Midwest Machinery Co. provided.

Trading in equipment gives staff a guaranteed value for the mowers, especially the 2003 John Deere 1445 that has had overheating issues. If staff sells items like this at an auction such as MnBid, there is no guaranteed value and the cost of staff time to participate in the auction and the fees that MnBid charges, costs the City an estimated \$1,032.00 (2003 John Deere 1445) and \$1,192.00 (2005 Toro 3500 D Groundmaster) for the current trade-in values of these items. Staff would be trading two mowers that we no longer have a use for to obtain a piece of equipment that is needed for no additional cost to the City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approval of the trade-ins of the 2005 Toro 3500-D Groundmaster and 2003 John Deere 1445 Mowers and purchase of the 2023 John Deere Z950M Mower from Midwest Machinery Co.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

MOTION to approve the trade-ins of the 2005 Toro 3500-D Groundmaster and 2003 John Deere 1445 Mowers and purchase of the 2023 John Deere Z950M Mower from Midwest Machinery Co.