

City of Bel Aire, Kansas

## STAFF REPORT

DATE: 08/10/2026



TO: City Manager

FROM: Marty McGee

RE: New UTV Vehicle

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**BACKGROUND:** Bel Aire currently has a Cushman 1200 Hauler; this utility cart has been extensively used by Parks and Streets for numerous projects. The current UTV was purchased in 2018 and is currently needing to be upgraded with heavy duty UTV to meet our demands.

**DISCUSSION:** The current Cushman Utility Cart is a lightweight UTV equipped with a pedal-start system. This means the engine only runs when you are stepping on the gas. We need a UTV with a heavier load capacity and the engine needs to run continuously, which will allow us to use our chemical sprayer in ditches and haul material when needed. The current Cushman continues to slip the drive belt and the clutch causing the need for constant adjustments. The Cushman's cargo capacity is 500 lbs. which is not enough to meet the demands of the projects performed by this UTV. The Kubota RTV-x will allow staff to purchase a snowplow attachment and assist with snow removal on the Woodlawn and 53<sup>rd</sup> street sidewalks as our city continues to grow.

| Vendor            | UTV                   | Bid Amount        | Cargo Box Capacity | Warranty        |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Diligent Trailers | Bobcat UV34           | \$27,043.50       | 1250 lbs.          | 1-Year          |
| Marine World      | Can-Am Defender HD11  | \$33,065.00       | 1000 lbs.          | 1-Year          |
| Murphy Tractor    | John Deere XUV 845M   | Bid not submitted | 1000 lbs.          | 1-Year          |
| Jay Hatfield      | Polaris Ranger XD1500 | \$36,772.00       | 1500 lbs.          | 1-Year          |
| Ravenscraft       | Kubota RTV-X Cab      | \$25,058.08       | 1100 lbs.          | 2-Year In Stock |

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The FY26 budget includes \$42,000 for the purchase of a new UTV for the Public Works Department. The funding will come from the Equipment Reserve Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the City Council accept the bid from Ravenscraft for the Kubota RTV-x not to exceed the amount of \$25,058.58