



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 11/27/2023

AGENDA ITEM: Consider allowing the Grand Rapids Fire department to purchase a snow pusher and dirt bucket attachment for Bobcat.

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BACKGROUND:

At a previous council meeting, City Council authorized the purchase of a Bobcat with several attachments from the DNR Forestry Department of Defense Firefighter Property Program and authorized the sale of bobcat attachments and an old generator that no longer serves a need for the fire department. The fire department needs a snow pusher and dirt bucket to help clear snow at the fire hall along with utilizing the dirt bucket at upcoming house burns.

Our fire mechanic Nate Morlan has been researching these attachments and found a snow pusher and dirt bucket attachment at Martin's Snowplow & Equipment in Cohasset, MN. Staff at Martin's gave us prices on three different brands of snow pushers and buckets. The fire department would like to utilize the proceeds from the sale of attachments and generator, which will offset the costs, to purchase a 72" low profile snow pusher with back blade and a 72" HD dirt bucket from Martin's Snowplow & Equipment for a total cost of \$3,965. This brand was the lowest cost but will work good for use at the fire hall.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to allow the Grand Rapids Fire department to purchase a snow pusher with back blade and dirt bucket from Martin's Snowplow & Equipment for a total purchase of \$3,965.00.