



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 11, 2026

**ITEM TITLE:** ¾ Ton Truck (Streets) – Authorization for Purchase

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### BACKGROUND:

Staff is proposing the purchase of a new truck for the Streets Department to maintain the equipment fleet. As part of the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan adopted in February, this vehicle replacement was scheduled for FY2027. Reviewing equipment capabilities ensures staff have the necessary tools to perform their duties efficiently. Staff is seeking authorization now so the truck can be ordered and placed in the production queue, with the understanding that the City will not take possession or make payment until after July 1st, aligning with the start of the new fiscal year.

### DISCUSSION:

Staff procured bids for a new truck, reviewing 1-ton and 3/4-ton options to determine the most practical and cost-effective fit for municipal operations. Bids were received from Dunlap Motors Inc. and Rydell of Independence:

- Dunlap Motors Inc. submitted a bid for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD (3/4-ton) totaling \$54,750.00.
- Dunlap Motors Inc. submitted a bid for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD (1-ton) totaling \$56,500.00.
- Rydell of Independence submitted a bid for a 2026 Ford F350 (1-ton) with a purchase price of \$58,354.68.

The Streets Director recommends proceeding with the 3/4-ton truck from Dunlap Motors rather than the 1-ton vehicles. The height of the box on the 3/4-ton model provides better overall accessibility and is better suited for the department's day-to-day use and handling concerns. Furthermore, the Dunlap bid remains lower than the Rydell bid and includes a 1500 lb. aluminum Tommy Lift Gate, whereas the Ford alternative features a standard Tommy Gate.

### RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of **supporting high-quality City services** and **supporting and enhancing City infrastructure**. This item helps achieve that vision by selecting a vehicle with the appropriate accessibility and functional upgrades, which ensures staff can operate efficiently, safely, and comfortably in the field.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

This purchase is budgeted for \$60,000 in the FY2027 Capital Improvement Plan, with funding coming from the Road Use Tax. The total cost of the recommended vehicle is \$54,750.00, which comes in under budget. This price includes the base vehicle and \$7,750.00 for the lift gate addition. Payment will be processed after July 1st using FY2027 funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve the purchase of the 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD from Dunlap Motors, Inc., for a total amount of \$54,750.00, and to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the purchase.