



MEMO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: Board of Public Works
From: Jake Van Gompel, Street Superintendent
Date: March 2, 2026
Re: Item 2b, Authorization to Seek Bids for Replacement of Skid Steer #30

Background information:

The current skid steer within the DPW fleet is a 2008 John Deere 317. This machine has fulfilled operational needs for many years, but as the city grows, so does the demand for maintenance. With this machine being a wheeled skid steer, it has its limitations with traction and working on side slopes while causing excessive damage to turfgrass.

Replacing this machine with a tracked skid steer would help with the operational challenges noted. When this replacement was originally discussed and budgeted, \$50,000 was allocated for replacement of the skid steer with a dirt bucket, which is still a good budget number. We would also be looking to have alternate bids within the packet for a snow pusher and boom mower. These two implements would increase the projects and seasons this machine could be used. The Street Department would be able to increase its storm pond maintenance while reducing or eliminating the need for a rented tractor and boom mower each year that costs \$5,000 a week.

Strategic Plan:

To continue providing a high quality of life through services, the Street Department replaces older equipment to enhance operations.

Budget:

The city has budgeted \$50,000 for this replacement in 2025. Anticipated cost for replacement of base bid is \$70,000, which is consistent with the amount borrowed. Trade value for our current skid steer is \$12,000, where we anticipate being over \$20,000 if sold outright.

With the addition of alternate bids for the two attachments, costs are anticipated to be \$25,000 for boom mower and \$20,000 for the plow attachment. These bid numbers will give us clear information about whether it is in the city's best interest to purchase within the bid packet or to purchase from Sourcewell.

With approval from this body, additional funds needed could be used from the 421 Equipment Fund that were under budget, or we could look at moving a project budgeted for within the same fund.

Recommended action:

Authorize the Street Superintendent to seek bids for the replacement of skid steer #30 with alternate attachments.

