



City Council Agenda Report

City of Long Lake
450 Virginia Avenue
Long Lake, MN 55356

MEETING DATE / October 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider the Purchase of a 2010 Mack GU 712 Single Axle Plow Truck

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Report Date: 10/2/2026

Recommended City Council Action

Staff recommends the following:

Consider a motion to approve the purchase of a 2010 Mack GU 712 single axle plow truck as quoted by Transwest Truck Sales of St. Michael, MN in an amount not to exceed \$89,900 (including tax and license).

NOTE: Final price negotiations were still in progress at the time this report was prepared. The final purchase price will be confirmed by the date of the meeting.

Overview / Background

During the capital improvements planning and budgeting process, the replacement of the 2004 Sterling plow truck has been identified as a priority in order to maintain a fleet of reliable snow plow trucks. The 2004 Sterling has exceeded its projected reliable usefulness and is becoming a potential liability for reliability. The Sterling is in ok/good mechanical condition for a 20 plus year old plow truck, but the Sterling brand/model was discontinued in 2009. Replacement parts are becoming ever increasingly difficult to find, and have become very expensive due to that parts are no longer being made, often necessitating relying on custom made parts due to age and availability.

The initial thought was to budget for the replacement plow truck over a two or three year period and roughly budgeting \$100,000 per year until funded; however, after learning the price to spec and build a new truck is approaching \$350,000 to \$400,000 with a 12 to 18 month build lead time, I began to look at alternatives to replace the 2004 Sterling. The new build process begins with selecting a cab and chassis (Mack, Western Star, Freightliner etc.) and then adding all the needed accessories (plows, scrapers, sanders, box etc.), often requiring at least two different vendors.

While researching Western Star cab and chassis models at Transwest in St. Michael in August 2026, I decided to look at the available used trucks they have for sale and found that they had multiple used plow trucks for sale with various configurations. I came across a 2010 model Mack GU 712 single axle truck for sale that has extremely low miles and was fully reconditioned by Transwest. Upon further research, this particular Mack was a former City of Hastings plow truck that led an easy life in Hastings and spent the majority of its life without the front reversible plow even being on the truck.

The Mack truck company has been in business since 1900 and shows no signs for being discontinued anytime soon.

The following information is the City's pricing for the proposed Mack GU 712 plow truck:

• Transwest of St. Michael, MN	
Used 2010 Mack GU 712 Plow Truck	\$89,900.00
Trade Value - 2004 Sterling	<u>(\$15,000.00)</u>
Total	\$74,900.00

After reviewing all the supporting information, specs, and reviewing the machines in person, the Public Works Department is confident in recommending the City Council approve the purchase of the 2010 Mack GU as quoted by Transwest of St Michael, MN.

Supporting Information

- Final Transwest Quote will be distributed at the meeting
- Transwest 2010 Mack GU 712 vehicle description sheet
- Photos of 2010 Mack GU 712