

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 17, 2023
TO: Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager
FROM: Sean P. Ballantine, Director of Public Services
SUBJECT: Bid Award/Purchase – Scheduled Replacement of Truck #415

Truck 415 is a 2002 medium-duty GMC stake truck, which is used for multiple purposes year-round including chipping, general debris hauling, and transport of large materials for the water main project. Service and parts for this class of truck are no longer existent from GMC, and at 21 years of age, the truck is in poor condition, and warrants replacement.

Considering the multipurpose nature of this truck, DPS Staff felt that the most practical option for its replacement would be to purchase a swap-loader setup. This is an innovative technology which forgoes a fixed body construction in favor of a loading platform; the desired body components are mounted on a skid which can be loaded and unloaded from the truck as needed. This allows the City to obtain substantial value and use of the truck, as one chassis can perform multiple functions. This truck is spec'd to provide the following:

- Roll-off debris container for general hauling and maintenance.
- Lockable job site drop box for water main projects.
- Flatbed/stake body for hauling large or bulky materials.
- Dump body for general material transportation.
- Utility body for maintenance tasks.
- Chipper body for brush management.

Although this is the first swap-loader we are adding to our fleet, the technology has been around since the 1970s, and we are confident that this will be a reliable piece of equipment which will serve the City well for many years. Multiple units were demoed, and it was determined that the offering from MTECH would be the best fit for our operations. This truck is available on a CoPro+ competitive bid, number 2023-JC-060-M.

Staff therefore recommends that Council award the purchase of one Ford F-550 chassis and Ampliroll swap-loader setup as quoted to MTECH, of Cleveland, Ohio, in the total amount of \$174,756. Funding is budgeted and available for this purchase.

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