



AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7-6-26

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Joel Kolste – Deputy Director of Field Operations

SUBJECT: Resolution 72-26-27 – A Resolution authorizing the appropriate City Officials to issue a purchase order for one (1) John Deere Front-End Loader.

ISSUE

Should the Public Works Committee recommend approval of the Resolution to purchase one John Deere Front-End Loader to replace one existing John Deere Front-End Loader (2006) currently in use by the Department of Public Works.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution utilizing 2026 budgeted funds within the Motor Vehicle account.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The purchase of one John Deere Front-End Loader will replace one older unit which is a 20-year-old unit currently in use by the Department. The Department of Public Works operates five front-end loaders for various daily tasks throughout the divisions of the Department of Public Works. Front-end loaders are vital to the many heavy tasks that are necessary by the Departments many divisions. Such tasks such as tree removal operations, snow plowing operations, construction activities, material loading (dirt, gravel, concrete, and debris management at the recycling center).

A significant task for the Department's front-end loaders is being utilized for snow plowing operations. Front-end loaders are utilized to plow the many dead-end streets, cul-de-sacs, and other areas in which the typical plow truck cannot maneuver adequately to effectively remove snow from the streets. The proposed front-end loader will include a special design front plow blade (Metal Pless Blade) which allows the ends (wings) of the blade to function independently allowing better control of snow placement during plowing operations.

The proposed new unit will be replacing one current unit that is a 2006 model unit. While the existing unit still functions, at 20 years old, the unit has significant wear. Timely replacement of the unit is necessary to avoid extensive maintenance costs in the future.

Staff worked with several local vendors requesting Sourcewell Contract Quotes for comparable units. The quoted costs include the purchase of a new Metal Pless plow blade and trade-in value of the Department's current 2006 John Deere front-end loader.

VENDOR	UNIT MODEL	COST
Brooks Tractor	John Deere 624K	\$223,000.00
Miller Brandford	CASE 721 G	\$261,834.00
Fabick CAT	CAT 938	\$269,000.00
Airing Equipment	Volvo L110 HLB	\$319,775.00

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FUNDING IMPACT

The funding source for this purchase is through budgeted funds within the Motor Vehicle Fund (Account # 730399-651200).

IF APPROVED, NEXT STEPS:

Following Council approval, The City's Purchasing Agent will issue a purchase order to BROOKS TRACTOR Incorporated for one (1) John Deere 624K Front-End Loader for the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$223,000.00.