



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

Cc: Dan Buchholtz

From: George Linngren, Public Works Director

Date: April 1, 2025

Subject: Requesting council approval to purchase new Asphalt Hot Box.

Mayor and council members.

I have identified the need for a new Asphalt Hot Box for pothole patching in the 2025 Capital Equipment Program. The current machine is a 1980s–1990s model and is used almost daily during the spring and summer for public works to prepare roads for seal coating and pothole patching.

Due to its age, parts are no longer available, and one of the heaters is failing. Additionally, the machine is not roadworthy, which raises concerns as we frequently travel to St. Paul to obtain asphalt. I do not want to risk any accidents while transporting materials.

To address this issue, we plan to purchase a new Falcon Brand Asphalt Hot Box, which is used by the state and other municipalities. The price off the state bid contract is \$50,236, including delivery. This machine is equipped with everything necessary for effective and long-term road maintenance.

To offset some costs, we will attempt to sell the current machine online. If a sale is not possible, we will proceed with scrapping it.

We have budgeted \$60,000 for this purchase in the 2025 budget.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 763-257-7106.

Thank you