



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

Cc: Dan Buchholtz

From: George Linngren, Public Works Director

Date: May 1, 2025

Subject: Request for Approval – Purchase of Zero Turn Lawn Mower

Mayor and Council Members,

I am requesting your approval to proceed with the purchase of a new John Deere Z955 ZTrak zero-turn lawn mower, which will replace our aging Toro mower. This equipment replacement has been outlined in the 2025 Capital Improvement Plan, with \$20,000.00 allocated for the purchase.

The new mower will include a bagger and dethatcher attachment and will be acquired through the 2025 Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The total purchase price is \$21,711.75; however, with the trade-in value of our current Toro mower, the final cost to the City will be \$15,511.39.

The cost savings from this purchase will allow us to consider acquiring a pull-behind slit seeder, which will be used with our existing tractor. This equipment will improve seed germination in park areas where broadcast seeding has proven ineffective. I will return to the Council with a separate request regarding that purchase at a later date.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (763) 257-7106.