



AGENDA MEMO

Business of the City Council

City of Sweeny, Texas

Meeting Date	05.28.2024	Agenda Items	
Approved by City Manager	Yes	Presenter(s)	Lindsay Koskiniemi, City Manager
Reviewed by City Attorney	No	Department	Finance – Budget Office
Subject	Discussion and possible action to approve a budget amendment in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for the purchase of new commercial-grade mowers.		
Council Strategic Goals	<p>2. – Infrastructure Investment: Provide adequate water supply now and in the future; Support strategic investment in City facilities.</p> <p>5. Improve conditions of public spaces: Improve condition of public spaces.</p>		
Attachments / Supporting documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FSBL Account 0908 statement April 2024 2. Various quotes for commercial-grade mowers 3. TexPool Reserve Fund Account statement April 2024 4. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Q2 Investment Report 		
Financial Information	Expenditure Required:	N/A	
	Amount Budgeted:	N/A	
	Account Number:		
	Additional Appropriation Required:	\$30,000 from TexPool Reserve Fund to General Fund Parks Department.	
	Additional Account Number(s):	Parks: 50-28-6715	

Executive Summary

Equipment maintenance and replacement needs have come up outside of the adopted FY23/24 budget. This item is to request Council approval to move funds from savings into the FY23/24 budget to meet immediate equipment needs.

Water Department Update

In November 2023, the City underwent a TCEQ investigation into the water system. The booster pump capacity is at peak and currently is within compliance. Additions to the water system will eventually require increasing booster pump capacity. An estimate to increase booster pump capacity is included for just under \$50,000. The well capacity was noted as deficient. Currently, 3 of 4 active wells are online. Well #4 is reserved for emergency situations, however, if we place well #4 into service, the well capacity will meet TCEQ's requirements. Staff was not able to complete the research necessary to know how much the cost will be to put Well #4 back into service to meet well capacity requirements.



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Additionally, Council approved LSPS to conduct the EPA-mandated lead and copper service line inventory for \$58,000 at the last meeting. In a review of funding sources to help pay for projects, staff found that FSBL account "TexPool Account" contains residual funds in the amount of \$61,579.05 from a water and wastewater certificate issuance from 2012, therefore costs for water or wastewater projects are appropriate.

Parks Department – Budget Amendment Request

Currently, the City is down to one non-commercial grade mower, and there is a substantial amount of park space and city right-of-way that City regularly mows. On one non-commercial grade mower, city staff is unable to keep up with the amount of mowing needed and expected by the public.

Year-to-date, more than \$6,500 has been spent on mower repairs. All mowers currently owned by the City have surpassed useful lives, and it is time to replace with commercial grade mowers with warranties. Staff has obtained several quotes from reputable industry-leading, local, commercial grade mower dealers for 2 commercial-grade mowers in 50"-60" sizes.

BRAND	COST	WARRANTY INFO
GRAVELY – LAKE JACKSON	\$20,209.00	3 YEAR FULL REPLACEMENT COST
JOHN DEERE – ANGLETON	\$22,562.42	36-MONTH OR 1200 HOURS
GRASSHOPPER – BAY CITY	\$24,520.50	24-MONTH
KUBOTA – ANGLETON	\$26,081.84	36-MONTH OR 3600 HOURS

This budget amendment requests that Council approve staff to transfer funds needed to purchase new mowers from TexPool Reserve Fund to the General Fund. The TexPool Reserve Fund is believed to be funded from the 2017 certificate of obligation residual. This was a combination tax and revenue certificate; therefore, those funds can be used for General Fund or Enterprise Fund activities.

There are two part time Groundskeeper I positions that have been posted for dedicated grounds maintenance this summer. The intention is to fill both PT positions the first week of June.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval of a budget amendment to transfer funds for the purchase of new commercial-grade mowers.

Recommended motion:

"I move we approve a budget amendment to move funds for the purchase of 2 new commercial mowers from the TexPool Reserve Account to the General Fund in the Parks Department to account 50-28-6715."