



City of Biggs

Agenda Item Staff Report for the Regular City Council Meeting: March 19, 2012 6:00PM

DATE: March 14, 2012
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Pete Carr, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Purchase of Replacement Street Sweeper (Discussion/Action)

Council will consider purchase of a street sweeper to replace the city's current aged unit.

Background:

The city utilizes its own street sweeper machine and licensed personnel to clean the streets weekly or bi-weekly, seasonally and as needed. This in-house arrangement has proven more flexible and more economical than contracting for the service, although equipment repair costs are becoming excessive and our aging equipment is noticeably becoming ineffective. We are putting several thousand dollars into maintenance of our old sweeper truck each year.

A local parking lot sweeping contractor is adjusting his fleet, and called to offer one of his rigs to Biggs; this one would be smaller but more effective and less costly to operate. Our sweeper is a 1991, has 56,568 miles and 2,556 total hours, and requires a Class B license to operate. The unit for sale is a 1999 with 20,500 miles and 850 hours on it. The newer machine does not require special operator licensing; all Public Works employees will be immediately able to operate it with their Class C licenses.

\$37,500 is the asking price. Approximately \$1200 in repainting would be necessary. City personnel inspected the unit and conducted research. Public Works committee recommends the City purchase it and sell our old one (estimate \$10,000). Our equipment replacement reserve has close to \$116k in it; we are putting \$35k into that fund this fiscal year.

Attachments: none

Recommendation:

Authorize additional appropriation from Fund 11 and purchase of recommended sweeper at a negotiated price not more than \$35,000.

Fiscal Impact:

\$35,000 less resale revenue from old machine and reduced maintenance costs.