

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Jacob Meshke, Deputy City Manager

Council Meeting: February 14, 2023

Subject: Resolution 23-011: Hustler Mower Purchase

Presenter: Jacob Meshke, Deputy City Manager

Summary:

The City has two (2) Hustler mowers (model years 2000 and 2012), which have surpassed their useful life and have begun and will continue to require costlier repairs. Staff recommends an agreement to purchase two (2) new Hustler mowers with Brookings Equipment through Sourcewell Contract #031121-HTE. The purchase price for the two (2) mowers is \$51,000, which comes in under the budget of \$55,000.

Background:

The City of Brookings has 21 parks, a total of 609 developed acres, and manages a total of 835 total acres. Turf and vegetation management at City parks most commonly completed through mowing creates open spaces for sport, recreation, and leisure activities which contribute to the City's high quality of life.

The City has two (2) mowers (model years 2000 and 2012), which have surpassed their useful life. The 2023 Budget includes \$55,000 for the purchase of two (2) replacement mowers.

Sourcewell is a Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Agency which obtains bids for numerous types of equipment. Member cities can purchase equipment from a local dealer and obtain the lowest competitively bid price for the equipment through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agency.

Item Details:

Staff recommends an agreement to purchase two (2) new Hustler mowers with Brookings Equipment through Sourcewell Contract #031121-HTE. The purchase price for the two (2) mowers is \$51,000, which comes in under the budget of \$55,000.

Legal Consideration:

City Attorney Steve Britzman has reviewed the resolution and purchase quote.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

Fiscal Responsibility – limits the City's future liability for costly service repairs.

Service and Innovation Excellence – the new mowers will allow for turf and vegetation management in City parks and other maintained areas, which contribute to the City's high quality of life.

Financial Consideration:

The purchase price of \$51,000 comes within budgeted funds in the Capital Improvement Plan of \$55,000.

Options and Recommendation:

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a Study Session
5. Discuss / take no action / table

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

Supporting Documentation:

Memo

Resolution

Quote

Appendix – about Sourcewell