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TO: City Manager Paul Briseno, Mayor Oepke “Ope” Niemeyer, and Brookings City Council

FROM: Jacob Meshke, Deputy City Manager/Interim Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director

DATE: 02/28/2023

RE: Emergency Purchase – Boom Truck/Aerial Device

This memo serves as a written determination of the basis for an emergency purchase of a boom truck and for the selection of the particular vendor. The City utilizes boom trucks in the forestry operation for clearing, trimming, and maintaining City trees. A boom truck is an essential piece of equipment, especially during severe weather events as evidenced by the derecho in May 2022.

The City’s 2009 boom truck is approaching 15 years old and experiencing maintenance and safety challenges. The City was without this boom truck for most of 2022 as it failed a bi-annual safety inspection and was taken out of state for repair. Staff attempted to obtain similar equipment through alternative means and performed more of the operation through climbing. Each of these alternatives are less safe and effective than utilizing the appropriate equipment.

The City had an opportunity to enter a purchase agreement with vendor Altec to receive a new boom truck with an anticipated delivery date of May 2023. If this opportunity was not taken, staff was informed that it would be an additional two (2) to three (3) year wait to obtain the boom truck due to supply chain issues.

Altec was chosen as the supplier of the boom truck due to the City’s previous experience with the vendor. Altec has been in business since 1929 and is committed to excellence in providing tree care products. Altec provides an industry leading product through innovative design and safety features.