

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Jacob Meshke, Deputy City Manager

Council Meeting: February 28, 2023

Subject: Resolution 23-023: Emergency Purchase – Altec Aerial Device

Presenter: Jacob Meshke, Deputy City Manager

Summary:

This Resolution would authorize the emergency purchase of an Altec Aerial Device for the purchase price of \$204,756 plus any tax, title, license, or registration fees.

Background:

The City utilizes boom trucks/aerial devices 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.

Item Details:

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 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.

Legal Consideration:

City Attorney Steve Britzman has reviewed the resolution and emergency purchase memo.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

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

Service and Innovation Excellence – the new boom truck will enhance clearing, trimming, and maintaining City tree operations.

Safe, Inclusive, and Connected Community – A boom truck is an essential piece of equipment in providing response to emergency events.

Financial Consideration:

The purchase price of \$204,756 plus any tax, title, license, or registration fees would be paid through the capital improvement fund.

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

Emergency Purchase Memo

Purchase Agreement