

Resolution authorizing the purchase of two municipal tractors.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Street Department has 13+ miles of sidewalk to maintain in an efficient manner, especially critical during winter snow operations, requiring the use of municipal tractors in efficient working order, and

WHEREAS, the efficiency and timeliness of these winter operational responsibilities listed above are very important to the safety of the public using these sidewalks, and

WHEREAS, the municipal tractors are also used to sustain bridge area mowing operations and other tasks, and

WHEREAS, the municipal tractors in the Street Department fleet (STR-SWM-04 and STR-SWM-05) are aging with one particular unit (STR-SWM-05) becoming very difficult to obtain parts and service because of serious vendor issues, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Streets and the Garage Supervisor, realizing the importance of municipal tractors in good working condition and the availability of parts and service from the manufacturer's vendor is important to the efficiency of the department and safety of the public, believe it to be prudent to replace the above municipal tractors (STR-SWM-04 and STR-SWM-05) as to not incur expensive repair costs, have good access to repair parts and service, and avoid critical machine downtime to maintain departmental efficiency and the safety of the public, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Streets, believes it prudent and efficient, and has had discussion with the Director of Finance, to enter into a municipal lease to procure two (2) municipal tractors with lease payments to be funded with Operating Funds.

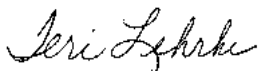
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby authorizes the Street Department to procure two (2) municipal tractors to replace STR-SWM-04 and STR-SWM-05 in the amount of \$281,679.00 with a municipal lease with payment funding from the Street Department Operating Funds with the possibility of an early lease payoff from available Street Department operating funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the replacement municipal tractor listed (Item# 146 in year 2018) in the 2017-2021 Capital Equipment Program be removed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Streets and the Garage Supervisor, as recommended by Board of Public Works discussion, review maintenance records and costs, as well as vendor suppliers, consider the possibility of retaining STR-SWM-04 as a back-up unit only to maintain fleet efficiency with such action at their sole discretion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Streets, Director of Public Works, and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on August 11, 2016.



Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin