

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Street Department has 500 lane miles of streets to maintain in an efficient manner, is responsible for stock pile operations at Isle La Plume, and also responsible for other material moving tasks within the City of La Crosse boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the Street Department currently has a fleet of three(3) rubber tired wheel loaders to complete the above operations, and

WHEREAS, these rubber tired wheel loaders are used on a consistent daily basis, and must be in good, reliable, running condition to complete the needed operations efficiently and timely, and

WHEREAS, one of these rubber tired wheel loaders(STR-LDR-01) has had repair costs match/exceed its potential value, and more than likely will need more repairs before its scheduled replacement as listed in the 2015-2019 CIP in 2017 which could be in the tens of thousands of dollars, and

WHEREAS, such potential future repair needs and costs, as stated above, would be an unnecessary burden on the Street Department Equipment Repair budget, and an unwise use of tax payer funds, and

WHEREAS, the potential downtime for any future repairs, along with potential costs associated with such, make this rubber tired wheel loader an unreliable needed piece of fleet equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Street Department has in the Common Council approved 2015-2019 Capital Equipment Program, resolution file number 14-0524, various pieces of fleet equipment that have not yet been procured in the budgeted amount of \$414,604.00, and

WHEREAS, funding for the approved 2015-2019 Capital Equipment Program is included in the approved 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program Budget, file number 14-1152, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Streets, realizing the importance of this needed rubber tired wheel loader in the fleet, is willing to move to future capital equipment requests, some of the approved listed Street Department equipment from the 2015-2019 Capital Equipment Program, and

WHEREAS, the City Purchasing Buyer has negotiated with vendors, and obtained costs for, a rubber tired wheel loader that will meet the needs of the Street Department in the amount of \$187,808.00 and has reviewed such with Street Department management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby authorizes the Street Superintendent to include the procurement of a rubber tired wheel loader as part of the Street Department 2015-2019 Capital Equipment Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Street Department move forward with the early purchase of said rubber tired wheel loader, in the amount of \$187,808.00, including trade-in(STR-LDR-01) so as not to incur any unwanted repair costs or unwanted downtime that could interrupt the efficiency of the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of \$187,808.00 for the rubber tired wheel loader be appropriated from the Reserve Fund with this fund to be reimbursed from the 2015 Capital Equipment Budget funds upon successful completion of the 2015 – 2019 Capital Improvement Program Budget borrowing.

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