

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-293

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 21, 1999

On the June 21, 1999 Council meeting agenda is a bid for two Brush Chippers and one Stump Cutter to be used by the Public Works Department-Forestry Division. The purchase of the Stump Cutter is for replacement of existing equipment.

SUBJECT:

BID FOR STUMP
CUTTER

FISCAL IMPACT -

The bid for these three items is \$47,388. The funding source is the Finance Equipment Replacement fund.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approve the bid received from Vermeer Sales and Service (PO Box 168, Pella, IA, Rick Boat, President).

SUBMITTED BY:

ERIC A. ANDERSON
CITY MANAGER

BACKGROUND -

On the June 7, 1999 Council meeting agenda approval of the bid for two Brush Chippers and one Stump Cutter was withdrawn by the City Manager for further study to determine if the Stump Cutter purchased by the Park and Recreation Department could be used by the Forestry Division.

The Stump Cutter to be purchased for the Public Works Department is for the replacement of existing equipment and much larger and more powerful than the Park and Recreation Department equipment. The Stump Cutter in the Park and Recreation Department is a portable, walk-behind unit not intended for heavier use, and would not satisfy the needs of the Public Works Department. Furthermore, the Park and Recreation Department equipment is used in enclosed areas, such as ball diamonds and pools, because the Public Works Stump Cutter could not be maneuvered in these small enclosed

areas.

The Stump Cutter for the Forestry Division will be used on tree stumps with large diameters left in street rights-of-way, parks, golf courses, cemeteries, and on other City-owned property. This Stump Cutter is used since the Park and Recreation Department Stump Cutter is unable to remove stumps with large diameters.