

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-486

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:
OCTOBER 23, 2000

SUBJECT:
CRANE PURCHASE

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:
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DIRECTOR

On July 6, 2000, the Public Works Department learned that its 1978 American crane Model 4120-2 would require an estimated \$30,000 worth of repairs prior to its use in stockpiling materials for snow and ice control operations this fall. Prior to proceeding with repairs, bids were taken for new or used cranes of acceptable size. Three bids were mailed and one received in the amount of \$43,541 for a 1973 P&H Model 320-20 crane, which includes freight charges of \$6,041. Therefore, it is recommended that the sole bid submitted by Harold Howell Construction (Harold Howell, President, 612 North Orange Avenue, Jupiter, Florida 33458) be accepted.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Funding for purchase of the unit is currently available in the equipment replacement fund.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

The Public Works Department maintains a 20-ton drag line/clamshell size crane for use in dredging, logging, and stockpiling materials. The City's current unit is in poor condition and requires a minimum of \$30,000 worth of repairs prior to snow and ice control operations. Rather than purchasing a new unit at an estimated cost of \$350,000 to \$400,000, the Public Works Department sought bids for used equipment.

On September 27, 2000, the purchasing agent mailed bid information to three suppliers under Bid G01-48 and received one response on October 11, 2000. The sole respondent, Harold Howell Construction,

met all specifications in the bid, and the price of \$43,541 (including freight fees of \$6,041) is nearly comparable to the cost of repairing the existing unit. Since an earlier inspection of the Howell Construction unit revealed that it was in sound and serviceable condition, staff recommends award of the bid to Harold Howell Construction in the amount of \$43,541, including freight.

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