

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-186

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

APRIL 8, 2002

Approve the recommended bid from Rexco Equipment, Inc. (Steve Smith, President, 5600 SW 56th Street, Des Moines, IA 50321) for replacement of a small motor grader to be used by the Park and Recreation Department. Three bids were submitted, and the high bid is being recommended for approval because the other two bids did not meet specifications.

SUBJECT:

EQUIPMENT
PURCHASE

FISCAL IMPACT -

TYPE:

\$86,028 (includes trade-in discount), budgeted and appropriated from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

RECOMMENDATION -

SUBMITTED BY:

Approval of bid submitted by Rexco Equipment, Inc.

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

The small motor grader is used to grade and shape ball diamonds, construction areas, and unpaved roads and parking lots. While bids were submitted from two other companies, (Road Machinery Supply Co., and Spreitzer, Inc.), neither met the following specifications:

- Power shift/torque converter transmission (delivers more power at low speed).
- 24 miles per hour forward speed (we drive our grader to all work locations and need the extra speed).
- Steering - 25-degree frame articulation and 40-degree front wheel steering angle (sharp steering needed for grading ball diamonds and landscaping).
- 50-Inch diameter moldboard circle with 360-degree blade rotation (need to operate in close quarters).
