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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 27B <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>10-1662</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>10-602</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Merrill R. Stanley, Deputy City Manager

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving purchase of material spreaders and snow plows.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to purchase four material spreaders and four snow plows installed on existing trucks used by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Department of Public Works for snow and ice control from Eddy Walker Equipment Company, Don Eddy, President, 4044 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50313, in the amount of \$59,128 (2 spreaders and 4 plows) and from Truck Equipment Company, Leo Wieseler, President, 1560 NE 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50313, in the amount of \$12,980 (2 spreaders).

Two material spreaders are replacements for existing units that meet replacement criteria and will be installed on one-ton truck chassis's and two spreaders are additions to the fleet installed on single axle dump trucks. Three snow plows are replacements for existing units that are not capable of street plowing on snow routes or residential districts and replace plows that have been limited to parks and cemetery plowing. One plow is an addition to the fleet installed on a single axle and a tandem axle truck. The overall increase to the snow and ice control fleet for public street plowing and sanding is four front-mounted truck plows and two material spreaders, which will be utilized in the Unified Snow and Ice Control Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$72,108

Funding Source: FY2010-11 Operating Budget, Equipment Replacement Fund, CMO010407, IS201, page 55.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Bids were solicited for replacement and additional material spreaders (sanders) and snow plows to be installed on existing City trucks. Four bids were mailed and three responses were received.

Both Polyethylene (plastic) and stainless steel spreaders appropriately sized for one-ton truck chassis's were bid to compare costs. The electrically driven polyethylene spreaders are recommended for purchase due to equal functionality and durability as stainless steel spreaders but are 44% lower cost.

The low bid submitted by Henderson Truck Equipment for polyethylene spreaders is non compliant with required auger size and width of material spreading pattern. The next low bid from Truck Equipment Company is compliant with specifications.

Responses from Eddy Walker Equipment Company for four front-mounted snow plows and two larger stainless steel spreaders for single axle dump trucks are compliant with specifications and are the low bids. Polyethylene spreaders are not available in the larger size required for single axle dump trucks.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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