

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-326	Meeting:	September 8, 2025
	Agenda Item:	51	Roll Call:	25-1232
	Submitted by:	Nickolas Schaul, Finance Director		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase of one (1) replacement 2023 Caterpillar 416 Backhoe Loader for use by the Cemetery Division of the Parks and Recreation Department.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to purchase one (1) replacement 2023 Caterpillar 416 Backhoe Loader from Ziegler CAT utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 020223-CAT.

Per Sourcewell Contract No. 020223-CAT with Ziegler Caterpillar (1500 Ziegler Drive, NW Suite 101, Altoona, IA 50009; Chris Culbertson, Branch Operations Manager) in the amount of \$159,096 for a 2023 Caterpillar 416 Backhoe Loader.

The requested purchase will replace one (1) current unit that meets the annual vehicle acquisition board replacement criteria.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$159,096

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Recommended Operating Budget, Page 78, Equipment Replacement Fund

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The requested purchase was considered during the annual vehicle acquisition board and is recommended for Council consideration.
- The current machine requested for replacement is a 2015 backhoe with 3,717 operational hours. Average maintenance costs for the current machine increased nearly 40% over the past four (4) years compared to the previous four (4) years. This lagging indicator is indicative of a machine that is nearing the end of its useful lifecycle.
- The primary function of the 2023 Caterpillar 416 Backhoe Loader is to open and close burial spaces/graves for an average of 575 burials per year.

- The secondary function of the 2023 Caterpillar 416 Backhoe Loader is to mobilize under any weather condition to maintain uninterrupted cemetery operations. This includes tasks such as removing large quantities of storm debris and snow events.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: December 22, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-1947](#)

Action: [Rueter's](#) (Todd Rueter, President) for five (5) replacement tractor backhoes with two (2) for use by the Park & Recreation Department Cemeteries and three (3) for use by the Public Works Department Street Maintenance Division, \$583,045.45. (Nine {9} mailed, three {3} received). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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