



Memo

TO: Mayor Manier and City Council
FROM: Kevin Schone, Public Works Manager
DATE: June 17, 2019
SUBJECT: 1994 Sierra Bucket Truck Replacement

Through the City's MERF (Motorized Vehicle Equipment Replacement Fund) the 1994 GMC Sierra Bucket Truck assigned to the Streets department is scheduled for replacement this fiscal year at a budgeted amount of \$50,000. This bucket truck is used for changing bulbs on some City owned street lights, maintenance of lighting at the water and wastewater treatment plants, tree trimming, and banner replacement at different times of the year. Having this bucket truck keeps City crews off ladders when performing these duties and as a result we are working safer.

Staff has investigated the purchase of a new bucket truck and have found the cost of a new unit would be in excess of \$100,000. We also contacted Ameren about their program for donating their used equipment but this is a wait and see type program and with over 1100 communities that Ameren services there is no guarantee the City would be able to secure one of their used units this year or in future years. Staff also investigated internet websites such as equipmenttrader.com, Iron Planet, Crane Trader, Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers and found units that were too old, too new (expensive), too many miles, too far away to justify travel to inspect, or rusted. The auction sites available would not accept trades and there would be time invested in attending these auctions with no guarantee of a purchase.

During the process of searching staff was also approached by Drake-Scruggs Equipment. Drake-Scruggs is a distributor of a line of hoist and truck bodies located in Springfield Illinois. Through this contact a used 2008 Ford F550 was located and on Monday June 10, 2019 the City's mechanic and myself drove to Springfield Il. to inspect the potential purchase. This effort led to a truck staff feels would fit the City's need. This truck also has a jib crane that could be used to pull pumps at the City's lift stations. Currently Brecklin's Service Station uses their tow truck to do this work.

The cost for the 2008 Ford F550 bucket truck is \$45,000 plus title and license. Training on this bucket truck will be included. There will be some monies received from the trade of the 1994 GMC Sierra however this truck will be going to a No Reserve auction so a definitive price for the trade-in is not known. Estimates of an auction price are between \$500 and \$1500.

There are sufficient funds in the MERF account for this purchase and as such it is staff's recommendation to move forward with the purchase of the 2008 Ford F550 bucket truck at a not to exceed cost of \$45,233.

This matter has been placed on Consent Agenda of the City Council for June 17, 2019 for review and approval.

2008 F550 Bucket Truck with Versa lift Aerial



1994 GMC Sierra Bucket Truck with Versa lift Aerial (Current City Equipment)

