

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – PARKS AND RECREATION
 TRACK LOADER REPLACEMENT**

BACKGROUND:

The City has four rubber-tired skid steer loaders in service. One unit, used by Parks Maintenance, has been budgeted for replacement in this fiscal year, FY 16/17. Parks Maintenance staff evaluated the options for the most practical and effective replacement of this this skid steer. After evaluation, it was decided they could best meet their operational objectives with a larger unit with track drive in lieu of tires to better negotiate off-road terrain in our City’s parks, thereby reducing damage to sod, and grounds. A roller carriage suspension track was identified as the preferred track option.

Bids were received from dealers as follows:

Bidder	Make	Model	Year	Base Bid	Roller Carriage Suspension	Pallet Forks	Net Low Bid
Bobcat of Ames	Bobcat	T595	2017	\$48,588.20	\$2,096.50	\$577.60	\$51,262.30
R & J Material, Ft. Dodge, IA	Bobcat	T595	2017	\$48,810.00	Price not provided	\$760.00	
Vetter Equipment, Nevada, IA	Bobcat	T595	2017	\$49,825.00	Price not provided	\$950.00	

Bobcat of Ames was the only vendor providing pricing for roller carriage suspension. Bobcat of Ames was also the lowest base bid. Therefore, the net low evaluated bid for the track loader is the Bobcat T595 with Roller Carriage Suspension, and Pallet Forks from Bobcat of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$51,262.30.

FUNDING:

Funding available on 4/1/17 from escrow	\$ 16,680
Funding identified from operating budget	\$ 16,000
Funding identified from reserve escrow	\$ 9,320
<u>Estimated salvage value of skid steer #48</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total available funds	\$ 52,000

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve and award this contract to Bobcat of Ames, Iowa for a Bobcat T595 with Roller Carriage Suspension and Pallet Forks in the amount of \$51,262.30.
2. Reject award of bid.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Fleet Services and Parks and Recreation staff agree the Bobcat T595 Track Loader from Bobcat of Ames, Iowa, meets the City's needs as specified, at the lowest price. Therefore, purchasing the track loader from Bobcat of Ames will provide the best and most economical equipment.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.