

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – BOBCAT COMPACT TRACK LOADER**

**BACKGROUND:**

Parks and Recreation uses one compact track loader and one rubber-tired utility vehicle to perform grounds maintenance, dirt work, and snow removal. Both units are Bobcat brand and share various attachments. These two units are used daily, year-round, and are indispensable for Park operations. Due to the amount and similarity of the work performed by these two units it has become apparent the rubber-tired utility vehicle is not heavy-duty enough. Therefore, a second Bobcat compact track loader is recommended to replace the utility vehicle. This replacement was scheduled in the FY 2020/21 budget year.

Bids were solicited for a new Bobcat Compact Track Loader and on June 14, 2021, one bid was received as follows:

Bidder	Make	Model	Year	Bid
Bobcat of Ames Ames, IA	Bobcat	T76 T4	2021	\$59,442.99

City staff has evaluated the bid and has determined that it meets the City’s specifications and is acceptable. The existing unit currently has replacement funding accumulated in the amount of \$61,108, which is available to fund this purchase.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award a contract to Bobcat of Ames, IA for one 2021 Bobcat T76 T4 Compact Track Loader for \$59,442.99.
2. Reject the bid and provide further direction to City staff.

**CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Parks and Recreation staff and the Fleet Director are confident the purchase of the 2021 Bobcat T76 T4 Compact Track Loader will provide the City with exceptional service at the best price.

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