

ITEM #: 25  
 DATE: 09-26-23  
 DEPT: FLEET

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – ONE TRUCK CHASSIS WITH STANDARD CAB**

**BACKGROUND:**

Parks and Recreation has one medium duty aerial truck to support the tree maintenance crew. This aerial truck is equipped with a 45-foot boom and bucket. Used year-round, this essential truck supports maintenance of the City’s trees in parks, rights-of-way, City property, and for storm cleanup. This truck is scheduled for replacement in FY 2023/24.

A new replacement truck is to be equipped with an aerial lift and a wood chip containment box. Adding the chip box will allow the forestry crew to work from one truck with chipper in tow, in most cases eliminating a second truck to gather wood chips. The purchase will be divided into two contracts: one for the truck chassis (this bid) and a separate bid for the aerial unit, chip box, and accessories. The aerial unit, chip box, and accessories will be bid at a later date.

Bids for the chassis were received on September 8, 2023, as follows:

BIDDER	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	Total for one Chassis
Stivers Ford of Waukee, IA	Ford	F550	2024	\$62,077.70
Karl Ford LLC of Story City, IA	Ford	F550	2024	\$62,950.00
Stew Hansen (GL Dodge City) of Des Moines, IA	Ram	5500	2024	\$64,972.00
Dewey Ford	Ford	F550	2024	\$68,765.00

The bid from Stivers Ford of Waukee is acceptable and meets the City’s required specifications. The chassis would not be delivered until spring 2024. The budget for this purchase is outlined below:

**EXPENSES:**

<b>Ford F550 Chassis from Stivers Ford</b>	\$ 62,077.70
<u>Estimated cost for aerial unit, chip box, and accessories</u>	<u>105,000.00</u>
<b>Estimated Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$167,077.70</b>

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:**

Replacement Funds at time of delivery	\$175,367
Salvage Value of equipment being replaced	4,000
<b>Total Available Funding</b>	<b>\$179,367</b>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept the report of bids and award a contract to Stivers Ford of Waukee, IA for the purchase of one 2024 Ford F550 chassis in the amount of \$62,077.70.
2. Award a contract to one of the other bidders.
3. Reject the bids.

**CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Parks and Recreation staff and the Fleet Services Director have thoroughly evaluated this bid and agree that purchasing the proposed chassis will meet the needs of the department. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.