ITEM #: 9
DATE: 10-28-25
DEPT: FLEET

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - TRAILER MOUNTED SEALANT MELTER-APPLICATOR

BACKGROUND:

The Street Maintenance Division of Public Works diligently works to preserve the integrity and safety of the City's roadways. Their efforts include patching and crack-sealing of road surfaces. A trailer-mounted sealant melter, equipped with an applicator wand, is used regularly to dispense hot sealant into cracks in the pavement. This practice extends the life of the road by deterring the damaging effects of freeze-thaw conditions in cold weather and expansion in summer heat.

The City's current sealant melter, a 2019 Cimline model, has been approved for early replacement in FY 2025/26. The current unit has added features that are problematic, resulting in downtime and costly repairs. In response, street maintenance staff has recommended replacing the current unit with a simplified unit capable of meeting the necessary requirements for crack sealing roadways. Bids were solicited for a basic trailer-mounted sealant melter-applicator. The City's current unit was offered for optional trade-in.

Bidder	Make / Model	Base Bid	Toolbox Option	Total w/ Toolbox	Optional Trade-In
Logan Supply of Grimes	Crafco Inc, SS125D	\$56,235.00	\$125.62	\$56,360.62	-\$2,500.00
Star Equipment of Ames	Cimline, M1ADH	\$58,759.16	\$350.00	\$59,109.16	-\$12,000.00
Stepp Mfg. of N. Branch, MN	Stepp Manufacturing Company Inc., OJK-V125	\$69,352.00	\$609.00	\$69,961.00	-\$12,000.00

Staff reviewed the bids and trade-in offers and determined that the best value would be to accept the bid from Logan Contractors Supply and then sell the existing unit on public auction. The low bid from Logan Contractors Supply of Grimes, IA for a 2025 CrafCo SS125D Trailer-Mounted Sealant Melter-Applicator with optional toolbox for a total of \$56,360.62 is acceptable and meets the City's minimum specification.

Cost for 1 trailer mounted sealant melter-applicator:

2025 CrafCo SS125D from Logan Supply, of Grimes \$56,235.00

With optional toolbox 125.62

\$56,360.62

Funding available for purchase as follows:

Replacement funds on 9/30/2025	\$73,496.78
Estimated minimum salvage value of current unit	9,500.00
Total available funding	\$82,996.78

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Award a contract to Logan Contractors Supply of Grimes, IA for one 2025 CrafCo Trailer Mounted Sealant Melter-Applicator with optional toolbox for a total of \$56,360.62.
- 2. Award the contract to one of the other bidders.
- 3. Reject all bids and rebid the project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Fleet Director and Public Works staff agree the 2025 CrafCo SS125D with toolbox for a total of \$56,360.62 from Logan Contractor Supply of Grimes, IA will provide the City's street maintenance workers with a reliable trailer mounted sealant melterapplicator at the best price. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.