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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF MOBILE VEHICLE LIFTS

BACKGROUND:

Since 2010, the Fleet Department has been using mobile vehicle lifts for equipment maintenance. These lifts can be moved throughout the shop, and communicate wirelessly to each other to coordinate the lifting and lowering of vehicles. In 2023, the Fleet Department purchased four additional lifts, for a total of 10, and attachments for the lifts.

The 10 lifts now allow staff to lift all the vehicles and equipment in the fleet, including the fire ladder trucks and jet/vac truck. These lifts have been beneficial by providing a safer work environment and the ability to move them around the shop as needed.

Fleet staff has identified the need to purchase another set of four mobile vehicle lifts with the addition of larger equipment being procured for the new Resource Recovery and Recycling Campus (R3C).

The new set would be able to be used with four of the existing lifts with newer communication software. This would allow staff to use two sets of six to lift the largest trucks if needed. The new lifts would be able to use all the existing attachments, including a wheel beam for working on dump trucks with wing plows, small truck lift attachments, a low-profile crossbeam, and a forklift attachment.

In 2020, the Fleet Department worked with Purchasing to approve the single-source purchase of Stertil-Koni lifts so that the additional lifts and attachments would work with the existing set of lifts. The existing Stertil-Koni dealer in the area is Midwest Lift Works. **For the proposed purchase of four new lifts now before the City Council, staff received a quote from Midwest Lift Works in the amount of \$57,551.28. This quote references Sourcewell cooperative pricing with a discount of 32%. This is consistent with the State of Iowa bid for the equipment as well.**

Funding for this purchase was identified from the fund that collects the interest money from the replacement funds of the fleet. This fund currently has \$1,510,920 available. This fund is used for one-time projects or equipment purchases to assist in keeping fleet administration lower for the using departments.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a resolution waiving the City's Purchasing Policy requirement for competitive bidding and award a contract to Steril Koni of Stevensville, MD, for the procurement of Mobile Vehicle Lifts in the amount of \$57,551.28.
2. Reject the purchase and direct staff to seek competitive bids for the mobile lifts.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By awarding this purchase, the Fleet Department will gain safety and flexibility in equipment repairs while keeping costs low for departments. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1.