

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 27 2023

6:45pm

PRESENT: Alderpersons Fulop, Garza, Savage, Webb

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Volkert, Director of Public Works Darryl Kranz

Call to Order – Alderperson Fulop called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Roll Call – All members of the Committee were present; Alderperson Webb filled in for Alderperson Carroll.

Public Comment Period – No public comment.

Discussion and consideration of authorizing the appropriate City officials to bid out a Wheel Loader with a Pusher Blade at a total cost not to exceed \$263,000.00. Will be brought back to Council if the cost exceeds \$263,000.00: Director Darryl Kranz explained that in the original budget for 2023, there was a tandem axle dump truck, plowing wing and salter. However, these trucks are extremely difficult to come by at this time, and this budgeted truck is not expected to be delivered until summer of 2024. There is another truck budgeted for 2024, and that truck is not expected to be delivered until 2025 or 2026. Director Kranz wants to take this opportunity to swap out one of the budgeted trucks for the wheel loader in order to help clean up city parking lots and cul de sacs. The dump trucks will remain in the budget for 2024 and 2025, and can be canceled if need be. The wheel loader with the pusher blade will be a versatile piece of equipment that will help greatly with snow clean up.

Alderperson Garza asked if the amount for the dump truck is about equal to the amount for the wheel loader. Director Kranz confirmed that it would be about an even exchange.

Alderperson Webb asked if there were other uses for the wheel loader outside of snow operations. Director Kranz said that this equipment would be used largely for leaf and brush pick up.

Alderperson Fulop asked if the city already has a loader like the one being proposed. Director Kranz explained that the city does not have a loader with the pusher blade, but the city does have two other loaders with plows and wings. Alderperson Fulop then asked what loss the city might see without having the additional dump truck that was originally planned. Director Kranz stated that unless there was some major project such as digging out the new pool area, the additional dump truck would not be missed and the loader would probably see more use, even during non-snow months. Alderperson Fulop asked if the city would be trading in an older truck. Director Kranz explained that it depends on what the bids come back at. The truck that would be traded in is 25 years old and rusting, so the value would be minimal and considering how difficult it is becoming to find parts for the older trucks, he may keep that truck as a spare instead of trading it in.

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MOTION by Alderperson Garza, seconded by Alderperson Webb authorizing the appropriate City officials to bid out a Wheel Loader with a Pusher Blade at a total cost not to exceed \$263,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment:

Motion by Alderperson Webb, seconded by Alderperson Savage for adjournment at 6:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shanna Kreilkamp, City Clerk

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Compiled by Samantha Walters, Deputy Clerk