



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Council Session

Item G13

#2007-60 - Approving Bid Award for (1) Commercial 72" Turf Mower, Hard Cab & Snow Thrower

Staff Contact: Steve Paustian

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: March 13, 2006

Subject: Purchase of 2007 Commercial 72 inch cut Turf Mower with Hard Cab and Snow Thrower

Item #'s: G-13

Presenter(s): Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director

Background

The Park and Recreation Department, Park Maintenance Division budgeted for the purchase of the 72" commercial turf mower with hard cab and snow thrower. The mower and attachments will be used for general park mowing operations and the plowing of snow on the sidewalks and trail system.

Discussion

Bids were received from three companies. The low bid failed to meet specifications (see attached memo). There are sufficient funds for this purchase in Account No. 10044403-85615

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve the purchase
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the purchase of the mower/snow blower unit in the amount of \$27,654.00 from TurfWerks of Omaha, NE.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the purchase of the mower/snow blower unit from TurfWerks in the amount of \$27,654.00.

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



From the
Parks & Recreation Department

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DATE: February 13, 2007

TO: Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director

FROM: Gregg Bostelman, Park Maintenance Supervisor

RE: Purchase of a New Commercial 72" Turf Mower, Hard Cab & Snow Thrower

The Park Maintenance Division would make the recommendation to purchase the Jacobsen Turfcut 628 mower, Cab and Snow Thrower from Turfwerks. This bid is the lowest bid that meets the specifications written for the purchase of the equipment.

The low bid by John Deere (Greenline Equipment) does not meet the requested specifications. The two major areas of concern are the PTO shaft drive to the mower deck and snow thrower. The bid specifications note a hydraulic drive to the units. The other item is the John Deere brand snow thrower bid versus a Loftness snow thrower.

The Park Maintenance Division has one Toro and two John Deere mowers with PTO shaft drives. The Park Maintenance Division also has two Jacobsen and three Ransome 72" mowers with hydraulic drive to the attachments.

The Park Maintenance Division operates one John Deere mower with a John Deere snow thrower attached and two Loftness snow throwers attached to Ransome snow throwers.

The experience and opinion of the Park Maintenance Division is that the hydraulic drive units offer a smoother vibration free drive system that gives a superior operating and less maintenance required system.

The Park Maintenance Division has seen greater need for bearing replacement and cracking and metal fatigue on the mowing decks around the gear box of the PTO drive units. The experience with the Loftness snow thrower is that it is a heavy duty durable thrower. In comparing snow thrower bids Turfwerks priced the Loftness at \$6,700.000, Midwest Turf priced the Loftness at \$6,852.00 and Greenline Equipment priced a John Deere thrower at \$3,222.00. It is evident that Turfwerks and Midwest Turf by bidding the Loftness snow thrower as specified instead of another model were locked in on a higher priced snow thrower, thus keeping their bids higher.

The specifications for this bid were based on input from operators, mechanics and management from the Park Maintenance Division and the feeling that these specifications would give the Park Maintenance Division the best unit for their needs.

Purchasing Division of Legal Department
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: February 7, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR: (1) Commercial 72" Turf Mower, Hard Cab & Snow Thrower

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE: \$28,000.00

FUND/ACCOUNT: 10044403-85615

PUBLICATION DATE: January 7, 2007

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 8

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Midwest Turf & Irrigation</u> Omaha, NE	<u>Midwest Turf & Irrigation</u> Omaha, NE
Exceptions:	None	Noted
Make & Model:	Toro Groundsmaster 328-D	Toro Groundsmaster 7200 72" Recycler
Bid Price:	\$28,206.00	\$32,164.00
Bidder:	<u>TurfWerks</u> Omaha, NE	<u>Green Line Equipment</u> Grand Island, NE
Exceptions:	None	None
Make & Model:	628 Turfcab 4WD	John Deere 1435
Bid Price:	\$27,654.00	\$23,467.00 (JoDale-Perry Cab) \$23,083.00 (John Deere Cab)

cc: Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director
Patti Buettner, Parks & Recreation Secretary
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent

Gregg Bostelman, Park Main. Supervisor
Gary Greer, City Administrator
Sherry Peters, Legal Secretary

RESOLUTION 2007-60

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for One (1) Commercial 72" Turf Mower, Hard Cab & Snow Thrower, according to plans and specifications on file with the City Parks & Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2007, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, TurfWerks of Omaha, Nebraska, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$27,654.00; and

WHEREAS, such bid is below the engineer's estimate for such mower.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of TurfWerks of Omaha, Nebraska, in the amount of \$27,654.00 for one commercial front mount mower is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 13, 2007.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 9, 2007	☐ City Attorney