



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Council Session

Item G17

**#2007-88 - Approving Bid Award for Backhoe/Loader for
Cemetery Division**

Staff Contact: Steve Paustian

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director

Meeting: April 10, 2007

Subject: Approving Bid Award for Backhoe/Loader for Cemetery Division

Item #'s: G-17

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

Background

The Cemetery Division of the Park and Recreation Department advertised for bids on March 17, 2007 for the purchase of a backhoe/loader replacing a 28 year old unit. See attached memo for details of the bid process.

Discussion

The current unit is becoming less dependable and replacement parts are no longer available. The new equipment will provide many years of service and meets the requirements of the Cemetery operation.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve
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 Council approve the purchase of a backhoe/loader from Nebraska Machinery Company-Cat Rental Store in the amount of \$51,490.00 after trade.

Sample Motion

Motion to purchase a backhoe/loader from Nebraska Machinery Company-Cat Rental Store of Doniphan, Nebraska in the amount of \$51,490.00 after trade.

Purchasing Division of Legal Department
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: March 28, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

FOR: Backhoe/Loader

DEPARTMENT: Park and Recreation

ESTIMATE: \$68,000.00

FUND/ACCOUNT: 10044405-85615

PUBLICATION DATE: March 17, 2007

NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 8

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Mid Land Equipment</u> Lincoln, NE	<u>Mid Land Equipment</u> Lincoln, NE
Exceptions:	Noted	Noted
Model:	Case CX 50B	Case 580M
Base Bid Price:	\$44,233.00	\$56,083.78
Trade-In:	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>
Total:	\$35,733.00	\$47,583.78
Bidder:	<u>NMC The Cat Rental Store</u> Doniphan, NE	<u>Murphy Tractor</u> Grand Island, NE
Exceptions:	None	Noted
Model:	Ditch Witch XT1600	John Deere 110
Base Bid Price:	\$59,990.00	\$45,170.00
Trade-In:	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>8,250.00</u>
Total:	\$51,490.00	\$36,920.00

Bidder: Ditch Witch of Nebraska
Grand Island, NE

Exceptions: None

Model: Ditch Witch XT1600

Rueter's
Johnston, IA

No Bid

Base Bid Price: \$67,248.69

Trade-In: 7,888.08

Total: \$59,360.61

cc: Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director
Patti Buettner, Park and Recreation Secretary
Sherry Peters, Legal Secretary

Mick Leth, Cemetery Supervisor
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



From the
Parks & Recreation Department

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DATE: March 12, 2007

TO: Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director
Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney

FROM: Mick Leth, Cemetery Supervisor

RE: Backhoe/Loader bid purchase

In researching a new backhoe/loader to replace our 1982 unit we have discovered that the "Class" of equipment we have now is no longer made. In February of 1983 we had six bidders that met our specs. Today, it is a different story.

The weight of the backhoe/loader is by far the number one criteria for our cemetery's operation. (This unit must be operated on and over graves constantly, often in very wet turf conditions.)

Size is a secondary factor, as our shop door must be enlarged to allow room for any machine purchased. Also, the bigger sized units may not fit in our shop even with door height modifications. (See photos)

Here is a recap of our research:

		<u>Weight</u>	<u>Height</u>
Our unit -	1982 Case 480D	9670 lbs	8'6"
New units -	2007 New Holland B95	15,223 lbs	9'6" **
	2007 CAT 420	17,196 lbs	9'3" **
	2007 CASE 580M	14,996 lbs	8'11" *
	2007 John Deere 310SJ	15,495 lbs	9'2" **
	2007 Komatsu WB146	16,090 lbs	9'8" **
	2007 JCB 2CX	14,008 lbs	8'11" *
	2007 TEREX 760B	15,151 lbs	9'6" **
	2007 Ditch Witch XT1600	9420 lbs	8'11" *

*Requires \$3,300 door

** Requires \$9,000 door

The Ditch Witch is the only unit we can realistically consider. The next lightest machine weighs over two tons more than our current unit.

As for smaller or “mini” units, none meet our criteria in digging depth, horse power, reach, loader capability etc.

In summary, we feel a 10,000 lb maximum weight specification is justified. We hope a new unit will last 25+ years as the last one did, and we do not want to constantly deal with repairing turf and fixing crushed graves that a heavier unit would cause. Also, we don’t want to have to move stones to allow room for the backhoe on almost every grave dug. This summary is based on researching and viewing other cemeteries units all across the Midwest.

ML:pb

RESOLUTION 2007-88

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for a Backhoe/Loader, according to plans and specifications on file with the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2007, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Machinery Co., The Cat Rental Store, of Doniphan, 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 \$59,990.00, less trade-in of \$8,500.00, for a total bid of \$51,490.00; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Machinery Co., The Cat Rental Store's bid is less than the estimate for such project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Nebraska Machinery Co., The Cat Rental Store of Doniphan, Nebraska, in the amount of \$51,490.00 for a Backhoe/Loader is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 10, 2007.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk