



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Council Session

Item G10

#2008-22 - Approving NDEQ Recycling Grant - Compost Turner

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Steve Riehle, Public Works Department

Meeting: January 22, 2008

Subject: Compost Turner Grant Request to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

Item #'s: G-10

Presenter(s): Steve Riehle, Public Works Director

Background

The City of Grand Island has operated a composting operation at the Solid Waste Division "Transfer Station since 1992." In 1993, a Department of Environmental Quality grant funded the purchase of a wheel-loader front-mounted compost turner. The front-mounted turner puts a large amount of strain on the wheel-loader coupler, which results in costly repairs. Based on increasing maintenance and repair costs to the compost turner and the wheel-loader, the decision was made to apply for funding to purchase a new pull-type compost turner. A pull-type compost turner will reduce the amount of stress placed on the wheel-loader, cost less to maintain, and free the wheel-loader for other sanitation services.

Discussion

The Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department would like to submit a grant application to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to purchase a pull-type compost turner. The purchase price of a pull-type compost turner is estimated to be between \$69,000 and \$102,000, depending on the final bid specifications. There are two sources from which this type of turner can be purchased.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve the grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents
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 Council approve a grant application for the purchase of Compost Turning Equipment from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Move to approve a grant application for the purchase of Compost Turning Equipment from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

RESOLUTION 2008-22

WHEREAS, The City of Grand Island has operated a composting station at the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department since 1992; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, a grant funded by the Department of Environmental Quality purchased a wheel loader, front mounted compost turner; and

WHEREAS, because of increased maintenance and repair costs to the compost turner and wheel loader, the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department wishes to submit a grant application to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to purchase a pull-type compost turner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is hereby authorized to apply for a grant for the purchase of Compost Turning Equipment from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such grant application and other documentation on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such grant purposes.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 22, 2008.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk