

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

To:

The Honorable Mayor and Council

From:

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Date:

February 27, 2009

Meeting Date:

April 7, 2009



Title:

Consideration to Purchase a 20 Ft. Stake Bed Truck with lift gate from the

Environmental Services Enterprise Fund

Recommended Action:

Approve the purchase of a 20 ft. Stake Bed Truck from McCandless of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona, in the amount of \$73,822.09.

ACTION SUMMARY:

Sealed bids were received for the purchase of a 20 ft. stake bed truck with lift gate in October, 2008. There were a total of seven bids submitted for review and evaluation. McCandless of Arizona was the lowest responsive bidder.

This vehicle being requested is a 2009 International Durastar 4300M7, 4x2, dual rear wheel, diesel engine truck with a 20 foot stake bed and lift gate.

DISCUSSION:

Background/History:

This truck was approved by the Fleet Committee, and replaces a 1996 1-ton Ford lift gate truck which was purchased for \$26,000. It currently has over 200,000 miles and lifetime repair costs of \$32,806.

The new truck is larger and will be used on a daily basis to provide residential bin maintenance services such as container repairs, new cart deliveries & pick ups. This service occurs daily and we make every effort to respond to customer needs within 24 hrs. White goods collection service is scheduled weekly for residential customers, and as a will call service to commercial customers (for a fee). Environmental Services averages 30 to 45 pieces per week. White goods include refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, stoves. Move-in collection is a weekly service provided to residents where we collect cardboard and moving paper as part of our recycling effort. The collection of pre-baled cardboard is scheduled weekly, as well as on a

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will call basis. This service is important to our recycling efforts, and brings in needed tonnage to Norton Environmental (MRF). We also do dead animal pick up, transport of commercial containers and other duties as needed.

The capacity of the current truck is insufficient to accomplish most tasks in one efficient trip due to the volume of items collected and the mileage driven. With this new vehicle, the Environmental Services Section will lower operational costs and increase efficiencies due to its larger payload and weight capacity, resulting in lower fuel usage and costs, less unproductive time, and expedited response to daily customer service needs. Larger payload means fewer trips from the yard on container deliveries and fewer trips to the landfill with white goods. Dock height allows us to efficiently capture baled cardboard and pallets.

Key Considerations:

Due to the frequent downtime on the current truck, services have been rescheduled or provided using a regular sized pick up truck. This has resulted in even more unproductive time and higher fuel usage. Additionally, the pre- baled cardboard and white goods cannot be manually lifted safely into a pick up truck. The proposed new truck will have a larger capacity bed which will allow for loading more bales and more white goods per trip, as well as having a dock- height bed, which will facilitate the ability to service additional commercial customers.

Community Benefits and Considerations:

Purchasing this equipment ensures that the Environmental Services Section can meet the customer service requirements and expectations of the community, while providing financial benefit to the City of Flagstaff by reducing overall costs to provide those services.

Community Involvement:

Not applicable

Financial Implications:

The new larger capacity truck would allow for less trips, less fuel usage, and the ability to more efficiently provide services. Environmental Services will be able to maintain service levels by gaining operational efficiency and reducing costs. The new truck would help us in these efforts, as well as providing the potential to develop a pallet collection program and increase current pre- baled cardboard collection. The stake bed liftgate truck is budgeted in Environmental Services Rolling Stock (280-4105-790-4401) in the amount of \$60,000. The remaining monies will come from (280-4102-790-4401) in the amount of \$13,822.09.

Options and Alternatives:

Don't purchase the truck at this time, maintain current service levels and forego adding the potential for baled cardboard and pallet collections.

Attachments/Exhibits:



Bid Tabulation

Department Head (Acknowledgment that all reviews have been completed and required approvals initialed below.)

INITIALS	RESPONSIBILITY	DATE	INITIALS	RESPONSIBILITY	DATE
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