

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Council

FROM: Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Replacement of front end loader

DATE: July 15, 2014

BACKGROUND

We were originally on a 10 year replacement plan for the loader, we had hoped to get to year 16, however at year 14 it is apparent there are many costly repairs that have surfaced. Being we purchase on the State Bid Program, we are seeing an approximate cost savings of 30%. By purchasing new we will have warranty coverage on the drive train for 7 years. We also have to spec many things for the operation of a reversible plow and wing.

This piece of equipment is critical as one of our snow removal units, and is also used for loading trucks throughout the year. The replacement cost of \$171,289, will come out of the CIP and operating budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the purchase of a John Deere loader and all snow equipment, as approved by the PW Commission.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Motion and approval the purchase of a John Deere 624K 4WD Loader.