

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

09-0279R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RUFFRIDGE-JOHNSON EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A 2009 BOMAG MODEL BF815 ASPHALT PAVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,091.64.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that city officials are hereby authorized to contract with Ruffridge-Johnson Company, Inc., for the purchase and delivery of a 2009 Bomag Model BF815 asphalt paver with MOBA dual side joint matcher and set of ditch cut-off plates for street maintenance in accordance with vendors bid specifications and pricing in the amount of \$115,579 plus \$7,512.64 sales tax for a total amount of \$123,091.64, terms net 30, FOB destination, payable out of the Street Improvement Fund 440, Department/Agency 038, Object 5580, Project SIP2009-CAPEQ.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Director Public Administration
Purchasing Agent ____
Manager Maintenance Operations ____

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution will authorize the purchase of a 2009 Bomag Model BF815 asphalt paver with MOBA dual side joint matcher and set of ditch cut-off plates from Ruffridge-Johnson Equipment Company, Inc., for street maintenance in the amount of \$123,091.64, payable from the street improvement fund.

The city posted a request for bids on the city's website March 23, 2009. The purchasing division received three bids by the April 14, 2009, closing date. The bids were then forwarded to street maintenance where the bids were evaluated for completeness based on the specifications.

The low bid of \$97,750 for the Mauldin 1750C-T-02 from Swanston Equipment Company was disqualified for not meeting the following specifications:

1. The Mauldin asphalt paver does not have screed down-pressure. The specifications called for screed down pressure which creates a higher quality mat by reducing air pockets. Pavement laid with screed down pressure lasts longer than pavement laid from a paver without screed down pressure.
2. The hopper bed on the Mauldin does not raise up. The specifications called for a raisable hopper bed which will reduce the time required to clean and maintain the undercarriage.
3. The Mauldin does not have a shut off gate. The specifications called for a shut off gate to prevent the asphalt from falling out of the machine when moving from one job to the next. The absence of this item will cause more clean up work and reduce production time.
4. The Mauldin has an 80 HP engine. The specifications called for an 85HP engine to compensate for the hills in Duluth.

With these specifications not met the next low bid of \$112,171 from Ruffridge-Johnson Equipment Company, Inc., is the lowest bid that meets specifications.

2009 Asphalt Paver Bid No. 09-0141(A); Requisition No. 09-0141 Opened April 14, 2009		
Vendor	City/State	Base Bid
Ruffridge-Johnson Equipment Company, Inc.	Minneapolis, MN	\$112,171
Swanston Equipment Company	Fargo, North Dakota	\$97,500 Did not conform to specs.
RMS - Road Machinery & Supplies Co.	Duluth, MN	\$112,200