

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

09-0535R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO CONTRACT WITH DULUTH LAWN AND SPORT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A JOHN DEERE UTILITY TRACTOR (HIGHWAY MOWER) MODEL 5093E FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$78,895.29.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that city officials are hereby authorized to contract with Duluth Lawn and Sport for the purchase and delivery of a John Deere Model 5093E utility tractor (highway mower) without options for the fleet services division in accordance with state of Minnesota Contract #440972, Release #T-628(5), specifications and pricing in the amount of \$73,019.15, plus \$801 freight for equipment and delivery, plus \$5,075.14 sales tax for a total combined amount of \$78,895.29, terms net 30, payable from the Capital Equipment Fund 250, Department/Agency 015, Organization 5580, C-250-V904.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Director Public Administration
Purchasing Agent ____
Maintenance Operations Manager ____

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution will authorize the purchase of a John Deere utility tractor (highway mower) Model 5093E without options from Duluth Lawn and Sport for a total amount of \$78,895.29 payable from the capital equipment fund.

This purchase is based on state of Minnesota Contract #440972, Release #T-628(5). The new tractor purchased will replace tractor Unit #3885 which was previously sold at auction.

This is a specialized piece of equipment that is not available for rent or lease. The city owned four units, but they were gradually eliminated due to the high cost of repairing the aged machines, until there were two remaining. One was sold at auction approximately three years ago and not replaced. At that time, the manager of street maintenance decided to try to share one tractor mower throughout the entire city. Sharing one tractor mower has been a difficult struggle for the past three years. The roadside grass becomes a sight/safety issue throughout the entire city beginning in July and has been a contributing factor to several documented auto accidents according to the police department. One mower cannot get to all the necessary locations quickly enough. Therefore, the city needs a minimum of two tractor mowers to ensure safety for Duluth motorists.

Duluth Lawn and Sport is located in Duluth, Minnesota.

Requisition No. 09-0500