

RESOLUTION NO. 4374

**A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRACTOR FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany requested bids in 1999 for tractors meeting the specifications of the Parks Department to be used for park maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, three (3) bids were received in response to that request for bids; and

**WHEREAS**, two (2) of the three (3) bids received did not meet the required specifications leaving only one (1) responsive bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsive bidder in 1999 was Fisher Implement, who has agreed to extend the 1999 bid price for this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the specifications for the tractor and the bid price from the 1999 Competitive Bidding Process remain unchanged,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Albany, acting as the Local Contracting Review Board, adopts the findings set forth below and waives the requirement for competitive bidding in this instance, authorizing, instead, the direct purchase of the tractor from Fisher Implement in the amount of \$45,532.00.

**FINDINGS:**

1. Further information concerning the City's need for the tractor in question and the actual circumstances justifying the waiver of competitive bids are included in the November 15, 2000, Memorandum from Dick Conolly, Park Maintenance Manager, to the Albany City Council, attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
2. It is unlikely that granting an exemption to this case will encourage favoritism or substantially diminish competition for public contracts, because the bid experience in 1999 reveals that only one (1) bidder met the City's specifications and that same bidder has agreed to bid the equipment at the same price as provided in the 1999 bid.
3. The awarding of this Contract pursuant to this exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the City because the City will be able to purchase equipment which complies with its specifications at the preceding year's costs without the delay and expense associated with further competitive bidding, which based on last year's experience, is not likely to yield lower bid prices.

DATED this 18th day of December 2000.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Recorder



TO: Albany City Council

VIA: Steve Bryant, City Manager  
Dave Clark, Parks & Recreation Director *Clark*

FROM: Dick Conolly, Parks Maintenance Manager

DATE: November 15, 2000

SUBJECT: Purchase of Tractor

Action Requested:

Staff requests the City Council, acting in its capacity as Purchasing Review Board, waive competitive bidding on the purchase of a tractor and authorize staff to purchase a tractor.

Discussion:

This is the year we are scheduled to replace our 1989 model 2355 John Deere Tractor. A similar model was purchased last year, a John Deere 6310S Tractor. This piece of machinery perfectly meets our requirements. Last year we used competitive bidding, and received three bids. Two of the bids did not meet the required specifications. The only responsive bidder was Fisher Implement.

Fisher Implement has agreed to see us a new tractor and trailer at the 1999 bid price and allow a trade-in of \$14,811. The new tractor and trailer, including special wheels and options, would cost \$45,532.

This tractor has proven itself to be efficient, comfortable, and safe. It is 100 percent compatible with all of our implements. Maintenance and operator learning curves are also simplified as a result of having two identical tractors.

Budget Impact:

This purchase will be funded completely from Equipment Replacement (09-482).

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Attachment

**EXHIBIT A**