



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2018-0311

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Allan Schneck, P.E., Director Department of Public Services

DATE: July 30, 2018

SUBJECT: Purchase Authorization for One (1) Infield Groomer with Attachments

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize the purchase of one (1) Infield Groomer with attachments from ABI Attachments, Mishanaka, IN in the amount of \$28,302.46.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

The Parks and Natural Resources Department utilizes the infield groomer and its various attachments for maintenance of their baseball fields. This piece of equipment assists in making infields and base paths smooth and level and providing the surface with enough give to help prevent injuries from falls, slides or even bad hops from balls hit.

The City issued a Request for Proposals for an infield groomer with attachments utilizing the MITN system. The proposal was distributed to thirty four potential vendors and only one (1) proposal response was received. The City determined a request for proposals was the best approach to the purchase of this piece of equipment in order to seek recommendations from vendors for equipment that was more advanced technologically than that of what the City has owned in the past. The department previous to issuing the solicitation searched various pieces of equipment to assist in writing a general specification that could describe what the City was trying to accomplish in maintaining their fields with this new piece of equipment.

A unique feature that was identified and found to be of added value to the City was that of a laser system that works in tandem with the attachments on the equipment and was included as a desired function for this equipment. In an effort to not limit competition based on this feature, the City utilized general, broad, minimum specifications and sought recommendations from vendors for any equipment with similar functionality for the City's consideration. It was noted in the specifications that all equipment with similar specifications and function would be considered and the City, and by working through their evaluation criteria and processes would perform equipment demonstrations and fully evaluate all proposed equipment options. Upon receipt of the one (1) proposal response, additional research was performed and discussion occurred with the City's Parks Department. Based on the research that could be conducted internally, it was discovered that ABI Attachments, is the only vendor that has the laser system.

The Department desires the laser feature for the following reasons:

- The laser allows the job to be done with higher quality to produce a safer playing environment and is more efficient than manual labor. With the ABI laser on the equipment proposed, an individual worker can do the labor of four people.
- The laser system will keep a better crown on the field resulting in better run off and subsequently less game rain outs.

- The groomer along with some of the attachments will help fix trip hazards at the infield lip where most injuries occur.
- It is anticipated by purchasing this equipment the ABI Laser System will yield a significant amount of savings for the City in materials and labor hours.

Based on these factors, it is recommended that award be made to ABI Attachments, as the best value due to the unique laser feature offered on the proposed equipment.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

ABI Attachments
 520 S. Byrkit Street
 Mishanaka, IN 46544

Reason for Selection:

Best Value

Method of Purchase:

Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2018 Adopted Budget.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Fleet	661.977000	Equipment Capitalized	\$30,000	\$28,302.46	\$1,697.54

RECOMMENDATION:

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		