TO: Mayor Shaun Sipma  
Members of the City Council

FROM: Jason Sorenson, Assistant Public Works Director

DATE: January 25, 2022

SUBJECT: REMOTE CONTROL MOWER – AWARD OF BID (PROJECT NUMBER 4638)

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend council award the bid to Sanitation Products, Inc. in the amount of $59,670.00 for the remote-control mower.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Dan Jonasson, Director of Public Works   857-4140  
Jason Sorenson, Asst. Director of Public Works  857-4140

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

Over the past few years, the Street Department has taken on more and more lots to maintain from flood control acquisitions. In addition, they maintain miles of existing levees and riverbanks, storm water ponds, and right of way. Some of these areas are difficult to maintain due to steep banks, rough terrain, or standing water. Different types of equipment have been purchased in recent years, but in the end, they all require an operator to physically be on the machine in potentially dangerous conditions. At a Public Works conference a couple years ago remote control mowers began making appearances. The Street Department reached out to a vendor last year and had a demonstration. The remote-control mower will be a great addition to handle the many challenges or the maintenance crews.

B. Proposed Project

Plans and specs were written for a unit like the one used last summer. On January 26, 2022, bids were opened and only one vendor submitted a bid. Sanitation Products, Inc. submitted a bid for a RC Mower/TK-60XP. It meets all of the specifications for the equipment.

C. Consultant Selection

N/A

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

N/A

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

This equipment will ensure worker safety while making it possible to mow areas with steep and difficult terrain.

C. Fiscal Impact:
Project Costs

RC Mower $59,670.00

Project Funding
Funding for this equipment is budgeted in the 2022 Street Department Capital account in the amount of $65,000.

V. ALTERNATIVES
N/A

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS
Approving this purchase now will enable the Street Department to utilize this piece of equipment in early May when grass mowing usually gets started.

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS