



REQUEST FOR ACTION CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 8/5/2024
Agenda Section: New Business

Department: Public Works

Agenda Item: Request to Use State of MN Small Cities Assistance Funds

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

Public Works would like to use \$53,584 from the State of MN Small Cities Assistance funds, to put toward the purchase of a JLF 340 Lift.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

We would couple the \$53,584 with ARPA funds that have been set aside for the purchase of a lift.

In the past year, we have spent a few thousand dollars renting a lift to complete many jobs.

5/11/2023 – Lift rental to remove Mayor’s tree lights = \$375.00

9/19/2023 – Lift rental for tree removal = \$250.00

10/9/2023 – Lift rental for removal, changing banner, bobber light = \$375.00

10/17/2023 – Lift rental for tree removal = \$200.00

10/23/2023 – Bengtson Electric to replace flag lights – \$1300.00

11/2/2023 – Lift rental for Christmas lights = \$375.00

11/21/2023 – Lift Rental for Bobber light replacement = \$250.00

4/26/2024 – Lift rental for banners, Christmas lights, Bobber light replacement = \$375.00

Additionally, when we hire Bengtson to replace lights in Trailside Park it is about \$2900.00 each time and that is in addition to fees for replacing flag lights and the Bobber Tower light.

There are a few other things we need to do, but to this date, have not been able to because renting a lift for the job would not be justified without additional projects simultaneously, such as accessing the City Hall roof, tuckpointing the Cole Memorial Building chimney, but there is not a way to do that legally, and cleaning all the gutters for all the city buildings, etc.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approving the use of \$53,584 from the State of MN Small Cities Assistance funds to put toward the purchase of a JLG 340 Lift.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

Motion to approve the use of \$53,584 received from the State of MN Small Cities Assistance to put toward the purchase of a JLG 340 Lift.