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**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL**

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

Cc: Nancy Lueck, Finance Director

From: Roger Kirby, Director WPCP

Date: February 11, 2011

Re: Utility Vehicle for the WPCP

**INTRODUCTION:** Since we are getting closer to the completion of our plant renovation project we are finding the distance between our processes has expanded considerably. We are reaching close to a quarter of a mile from one end of the plant to the other.

**BACKGROUND:** I am finding the operators and maintenance staff using a pickup truck to get to the other end of the plant for checking, getting readings, or maintaining equipment for short periods of time. Operation of a truck in that manner will shorten the life very quickly. Having a means of carrying some tools and getting to the other end of the plant quickly would help considerably. This is the reason I am proposing to buy a Utility Vehicle (Gator) to solve this problem.

We have also had an Occupational Therapist on site following our operator (David Ledbetter) around the plant and he suggested that a gator type vehicle be used by operators for normal rounds around the plant. The plant conditions are currently not in very good shape and the snow and ice are a hazard in getting around. As spring approaches, the muddy conditions will also present a hazard. We are currently borrowing a utility vehicle from Parks and Rec and have found this would be the best type of vehicle for this application.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:** Since this is not a budgeted item, we could include this as part of the plant renovation because we need it now. Parks and Rec need their vehicle back before March 1<sup>st</sup>. We have received bids from five suppliers (attached) and I recommend accepting the low bid of \$8,969.80 from Elder Implement, Muscatine. The current contract with Williams Brothers Construction including change orders amounting to \$90,000 still leaves us with about \$325,000 for any other unexpected project costs. Please include this on the council agenda for the February 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting with your approval.

**UTILITY VEHICLE BIDS (WPCP)**  
**2010/2011**

<b><u>BIDDER</u></b>	<b><u>VEHICLE</u></b>	<b><u>MEETS SPECS</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
Elder Implement Muscatine	John Deere HPX	Yes <u>  X  </u> No _____		\$8,969.80
Iowa City Motor Sports Iowa City	Kawasaki Mule 4010	Yes _____ No <u>  X  </u>		\$9,594.00
River Valley Turf Davenport	John Deere XUV 62.5i	Yes <u>  X  </u> No _____		\$9,134.00
Hawkeye Motorworks Davenport	Honda Big Red 2010 MUV 700 2011	Yes <u>  X  </u> No _____ Yes <u>  X  </u> No _____	\$11,899.00	\$12,459.00
Mills Marine Muscatine	Artic Cat Prowler XT	Yes _____ No <u>  X  </u>	\$9,780.00	\$10,589.00