

To: Mark Thiel

From: Tom Orzulak

Subject: Walk Behind Skid Loader

Date: 8 May 2011

I would like permission to purchase a Walk Behind Skid Loader. After the discussion we had with the City Manager earlier in the week, it is apparent that this type of machine is needed to be able to accomplish the goal of providing better snow removal during and after winter storms. If purchased and with the help of Parks and Recreation, we will be able to provide snow removal on some key sidewalks that the City is responsible for in a more timely fashion. Besides the snow removal function, this machine with the attachments desired we be utilized for guard rail repair, large culvert cleaning, sidewalk repair, slope repair in restricted areas and general landscape repair.

This machine is available for purchase on the HGAC contract that we have utilized in the past. We are after a Bobcat brand so that the attachments will be compatible with the many Bobcats that the City already owns.

If acceptable, I would like to have this item put on the Commission agenda as soon as convenient.

Attached: Bobcat HGAC proposal.