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Brush Truck – “P-Loader” Replacement early PO request

Due to the supply issues of new equipment, namely cab/chassis in this case (but more widely seen in the rest of the automobile industry), I would like to request obtaining an early (late November vs. January 2nd, 2022) PO for a planned 2022 Capital Budget Purchase of the replacement P-Loader/Brush Truck.

After researching lead times on cab and chassis purchases, and due to the back logs of orders, International (IHC), Mack, Freightliner and other dealers of these manufacturers are unable to guarantee any dates for delivery. Once we receive delivery of a chassis, we have to get on the build list schedule (at least 45 days) for the body and components at EJ Equipment for the Peterson Lightning Loader box and grapple. This could push us out beyond summer, possibly into year end, based upon current predictions and back logs.

EJ Equipment (Dealer) and Peterson Equipment (Manufacturer) have guaranteed ship dates of different chassis types from 3 companies (Mack, Freightliner & International). They order and use these cab/chassis as demonstration units each year. They have agreed to secure one of the cab/chassis units for us if we are able to provide a PO now in preparation for January 2022 as would normally be the procedure.

This urgency comes into play as our current equipment has been having frequent issues of varying degrees from emission issues, engine components to specialty bolts for outriggers. I have tried in the past to rent equipment like this truck to no avail when it has been down for a week or so during brush pick up and has caused major disruptions in brush pick up as well as other tasks, as well as numerous phone calls from residents to the front office and Public Works Department. As an example of this supply chain issue, we have one Patrol Truck currently out of service until we receive a sensor that is back ordered. It is hopeful we will see the part in mid/late December after diagnosis and ordering back in September.

With submitting the PO early, we can reserve a cab/chassis with the hope of heading off any future issues or disruptions in brush pick up this upcoming spring.

***Update as of 11/19/21**

The updated cost that just came back for both of the manufacturer of the cab/chassis and equipment build package has increased to \$191,840 from \$169,456 which is a \$22,384

increase. This is (I am told) due to steel price increase as well as components. This does not take into consideration availability of parts and materials, though could likely also play into the increase.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Paul, Jr.
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Village of Elm Grove