

RESOLUTION 2014 -10
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN
A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY FLEET SALES TO PURCHASE A BUCKET
TRUCK FOR EMERGENCY CLEANUP ALONG THE CITY RIGHT OF WAYS

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis suffered significant damage during the Atlas winter storm of October 4 through 6 and the subsequent days of heavy rainfall and snowmelt; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Emergency Response Team as established in accordance to Title 29 has and is continuing to meet to respond to the significant damage throughout the community and to mitigate the loss of property and personal injury and as such has required the use of contracts to assist in the cleanup and mitigation efforts; and,

WHEREAS, at the meeting on October 8th the Meade County Commission passed an Emergency Declaration to start the process of obtaining any available state and/or federal assistance to deal with the blizzard, debris and flooding emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2013, President Obama declared the Atlas Blizzard a Natural Disaster eligible for FEMA reimbursement; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Emergency Response Team held a kickoff meeting with FEMA representatives on December 12, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the City is taking part of the Expedited Debris Removal Pilot Program as described by FEMA representatives during the December 12, 2013 kickoff meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the City learned on December 12, 2012 that the Expedited Debris Removal Pilot Program requires that all reimbursable debris removal is completed within 180 days of the date of the disaster; and,

WHEREAS, FEMA has identified 408 trees with hazardous hangars with dangerously hanging branches over the public right of way and hundreds of other trees within the City park system with similarly dangerous hanging branches which need to be removed by April 2, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the City currently has one bucket truck available to be used by the City staff to remove hanging limbs up to a height of approximately 40 feet, and

WHEREAS, the City has sought to lease or purchase an additional truck to complete the removal of limbs higher than 40 feet and to assist in the removal of the substantial number of limbs throughout the public right of ways in the community; and

WHEREAS, due to the heightened demand for bucket trucks in the wake of the Atlas storm there are no 60' boom trucks available for lease or purchase in the region; and

WHEREAS, a typical bid process, assuming suitable used equipment was available locally, would require 45 – 60 days for advertisement, opening and awarding in order to obtain bids to determine what the lowest responsible bid price would be for a bucket truck if a response would even be received; and,

WHEREAS, even by utilizing the normal bid process, the heightened local demand for such specialized equipment will not prevent the lowest responsible bidder from conditioning its bid to the City upon delivery of the boom truck 60 to 90 days after the bid opening, and

WHEREAS, in order to remediate this significant public hazard in an expeditious manner and to greatly improve the likelihood for reimbursement to the City for the completion of the remediation, the Sturgis City Council has determined that an emergency exists and that the City should seek to acquire a bucket truck with a boom of at least 60' in the most cost-effective and expeditious fashion; and,

WHEREAS, City staff has completed a thorough review of immediately available bucket trucks in the greater Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Region and has determined that Utility Fleet Sales has the largest selection of 55' bucket trucks immediately available and have placed their inventory at competitive prices.

NOW THEREFORE, City Manager Daniel Ainslie is hereby authorized to execute a purchase agreement with Utility Fleet Sales for a bucket truck with at least a 55' boom and for a cost of less than \$50,000.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2014.

CITY OF STURGIS

Mark Carstensen
Mayor of Sturgis

ATTEST:

Fay Bueno
City Finance Officer

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