

**Purchasing Department**

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Honorable Mayor Gary Becker and the  
Members of the Common Council  
730 Washington Avenue  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Bids were taken for Official Notice #11, **GROUND MAINTENANCE AND BURIAL OPERATIONS AT GRACELAND AND MOUND CEMETERIES** in the office of the Purchasing Agent on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. CDT. Bids were as follows:

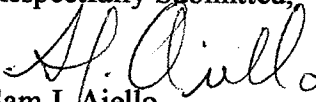
<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Cost Per Year</u>
The Bruce Company of Wisconsin, Inc.	\$374,000.00

The bid from the Bruce Company was the only bid received although this opportunity was advertised and bid packages were sent to Kujawa Enterprises, Inc., Milaeger's, and the Tribute Companies of Milwaukee, WI.

The preceding contract that was entered into in August, 2002 was for the sum of \$333,000 per year. The price was increased, per contract provisions, in 2006 to the sum of \$341,325 per year. The current bid of \$374,000 per year for the next three years represents an increase of approximately 9 1/2% over the 2006 figure. A significant cost associated with this bid is the cost of fuel. Since the last price adjustment in 2006 the price of unleaded gasoline has risen 89% and the cost of #2 diesel fuel has risen 94%. Parks department management and the writer feel that the bid price for the next three (3) years is reasonable and we recommend that this bid be awarded to the Bruce Company of Wisconsin at their bid price of \$374,000.00 per year for the next three years beginning in August 2008.

Funds for this expenditure are available in account 207.000.5610, Professional Services.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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