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Alder. Mollie Jones, Chairperson Public Works and Services Committee Racine, WI

Re: Waive Formal Bidding for the Purchase of Case Tractor Loader Backhoe

Dear Alder Jones:

Staff are requesting that formal bidding procedures be waived for the purchase of a tractor loader backhoe and associated plow for the City.

Staff requests that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of Case equipment with Miller-Bradford and Risberg, Inc., they being the sole source provider of these units. Case is the only manufacturer of the equipment utilized by the City of Racine, which results in continuity of labor and the purchase of replacement parts for equipment maintenance.

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department budgeted for a Case 580SN tractor loader backhoe in the 2025-34 capital improvement plan. The estimated cost of this equipment is \$190,000.00 with funding available in Org-Obj 45050-57300, Parks and Recreation-Equipment Vehicles.

Sincerely,

Tom Molbeck Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services