

Memorandum

To: Craig City Council
CC: Jim Ferree, City Manager
From: Dave Pike, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: 4/8/2016
Re: Zero Radius Commercial Rotary Turf Mowers

Recently we solicited bids for the purchase and delivery of a new Zero Radius Rotary Turf Mower. This particular mower is used in our smaller parks and for grounds such as the greenbelt on Finley Lane & City Hall. The mower specifically needs to fit into tight areas and must have the capability to catch the grass clippings. We received the following bids for the mower:

Potestio Brothers Equipment:	John Deere 2920M	\$10,663.51
Rocky Mt. Machinery:	Kubota ZD1211	\$15,000.00
US Tractor & Harvest:	Walker D Series	\$17,130.00

Neither the John Deere or Kubota mowers met our specifications. The John Deere mower is a gas motor (we called for a diesel). In addition because of its side discharge the width of the mower makes it very difficult for us to mow our smaller parts.

The Kubota's 60" deck is much too big (we called for a 48" deck). Also it has a side discharge again adding to the overall width of the mower.

The Walker mower is the same unit as we have been using for several years and its rear discharge and 48" inch deck is a perfect fit in our parks. In addition we already have a broom attachment for it and several spare parts.

I recommend we accept the bid for the Walker mower in the amount of \$17,130.00. Budgeted amount for this purchase is \$16,225.00.