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MEMORANDUM

Equipment Maintenance
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To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary
FROM: Randy Hill, Public Works Director
DATE: March 14, 2012
RE: Leaf Box(es) Purchase

INTRODUCTION:

The City of Muscatine opened bids on Thursday, March 10, 2011 for a leaf box. \$15,000 has been budgeted for this purchase.

BACKGROUND:

Leaf boxes are used for the leaf pickup service the City provides the residents in the fall. These boxes do rust out eventually and need to be replaced periodically.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

One bid was received from Bonnell Industries, Dixon, Illinois. The bid was \$5,671.00 – considerably under the budgeted amount. The City's Finance Director, Nancy Lueck, suggested we purchase two boxes and cancel the leaf box budgeted for FY 11/12. The cost for two is \$11,342 – still under budget by \$3,658. By purchasing the second box at this time we would not have to factor price increases for steel and labor if the economy improves and reduce next year's capital outlay for equipment by \$16,000.

Public Works Staff recommend the council accept the bid price of \$11,342 from Bonnell Industries, Dixon, Illinois.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

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