



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	04/06/2022	Department	Public Works
Agenda Item	5.e) Consideration of a request to purchase a bucket truck		
Est. Cost			

Background Information

Please see Public Works Director Jerry Douglass' memo attached to this item. Our city needs for this piece of equipment far exceeds our dependency on borrowing a truck from a private construction company. More and more our staff is asked to work on projects internally instead of going out to bid. We love to help our organizations prepare for holiday celebrations, we will continue to chase down brown-tail moths and trim trees that hang over the public way.

Director Douglass will be available to answer any questions that Gardiner City Council may ask.

Requested Action	"I move to approve purchasing a used bucket truck from Charles Hipper Used Equipment for the price of \$28,000."
City Manager and/or Finance Review	The Acting City Manager approves the above action.
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> EFFECTIVE DATE _____ </div>
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
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Memo

Bucket Truck Purchase

City Manager Davis

For the last couple of years, or as long as I have been here, we have been using a bucket truck that belongs to McGee Construction to put up Christmas lights and banners, American Flags, to cut limbs from trees, and to do odds jobs that require getting any height off from the ground safely. We could have used one to cut brown tail moth nest out of trees this late winter/early spring but the McGee bucket truck was not available.

The city should have their own bucket truck and should not rely on borrowing from McGee Construction as much as we do, although they have been really good about us using theirs. We have an opportunity to purchase a second-hand bucket truck from Charles Hipper Used Equipment out of Manchester. The used bucket truck they have is a 2012 Ford F-450 – V10 with 165,000 miles. A new motor was put in this truck in 2017. The boom on the truck can reach 37 feet. They are asking \$28,000.00, (as is). Our mechanic thinks this would be a decent purchase and could last 7 to 10 years if not more because we wouldn't be adding many road miles during that time.

Because my Mechanic position has not been filled since August of 2021, and a Maintenance & Grounds position has been vacant since December, I have enough funds in my budget to purchase this bucket truck. This bucket truck would get used several times during the year and would be very helpful/useful to the city and would keep us from relying on borrowing one. It would also allow us to plan our work better knowing we had one when we needed or wanted it.

Is this something the council would approve and or vote on to purchase?