



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Resolution 23-006, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Declaring Certain City Owned Equipment Surplus, Obsolete and Unneeded and Authorizing the City Manager to Dispose of the Used and Surplus Equipment in Accordance with Homer City Code 18.30.010-020 and 18.30.040(B). City Manager.

Item Type: Resolution
Prepared For: Mayor and City Council
Meeting Date: 23 Jan 2023
Staff Contact: Melissa Jacobsen, City Clerk
Department: Clerks
Attachments: [Resolution 23-006](#)
[Brush 1 replacement letter](#)
[Caterpillar Loader and Grader Surplus Items](#)

Summary Statement:

The City of Homer is conducting a surplus equipment sale and Homer City Code requires City Council approval to sell items valued over \$5,000. The following three items require approval to sell-

- Ford Crew Cab Long Bed Truck - \$10,000 minimum bid
- Caterpillar Grader - \$6,000 minimum bid
- Caterpillar Loader - \$10,000 minimum bid

Departmental justification for the sale of these items are included as attachments to this report.

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution 23-006

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

RESOLUTION 23-006

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
DECLARING CERTAIN CITY OWNED EQUIPMENT SURPLUS,
OBSOLETE AND UNNEEDED AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF THE USED AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOMER CITY CODE 18.30.010-020 AND
18.30.040(B).

WHEREAS, The City is currently soliciting bids for surplus, obsolete, and unneeded materials and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Homer City Code 18.30.020 states that no supplies, materials, equipment or other personal property of a value of more than \$5,000 may be sold or otherwise disposed of until the City Council has declared, by motion or resolution, such property surplus, obsolete, or unneeded, or that the transaction is otherwise in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, The following items have an estimated value of more than \$5,000–

- Ford Crew Cab Long Bed Truck Estimated value \$10,000
- Caterpillar Grader Estimated value \$6,000
- Caterpillar Loader Estimated value \$10,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby declares the Ford Crew Cab long bed truck, Caterpillar grader, and Caterpillar loader to be surplus, obsolete, and unneeded, and authorizes the City Manager to dispose of it pursuant to either HCC 18.30.010-020 or HCC 18.30.040(b) in the best interests of the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 23rd day of January, 2023.

CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: Revenue amount to be determined



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Fire Chief

Subject: Brush – 1

Brush – 1 is a 1990 Ford F-350 4X4 standard rear axle (non-dual wheel) pick-up. The amount of weight that is carried in the bed of this truck has exceeded the maximum GVWR of the vehicle for many years.

The vehicle was pieced together by the fire dept. personnel over the years to try and meet the needs at the time with a limited budget available. The vehicle does not meet the design or engineering standards required for this type firefighting response as set forth by the NFPA-1901 standards.

Driving this vehicle up and down the hills that we have in the local area with the amount of weight that is carried is overloading the braking system of this vehicle and has overheated the brakes on several occasions as well as caused brake fade. Which puts the occupants and others on the road at risk of an accident.

In order to make the truck capable of carrying the amount of weight that is required for this type of firefighting would require replacing the rear suspension, rear axle, the complete braking system and possibly the front axle as well.

This is a 32 year old vehicle which makes it outdated by our fleet standards for longevity and the cost to make these upgrades is cost prohibitive. If the parts are even available in part due to the age of the vehicle as well as the current parts availability shortage.

It is my recommendation that the Fire Dept. looks at replacing this vehicle with an up to date vehicle that is designed and built for the type of response they intend to use it for.

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Surplus Items

140G Caterpillar Grader

This grader was scheduled for replacement in Budget Year 2021, which would have it 35 years in our fleet.

Under the current Fleet replacement program schedule this is 15 years past replacement.

The Transmission went out on this piece of equipment during snow removal December 2021, due to the age of the unit and hours (14,000 plus) it was not in our best interest to spend the money to fix it.

The replacement unit had been ordered for this vehicle and arrived in December 2021.

950B Caterpillar Wheeled Loader

This loader was scheduled for replacement in Budget year 2022, which would have it 35 years in our fleet.

Under the current Fleet replacement program schedule this is 15 years past replacement.

This vehicle has over 11,000 hours on it and is a key piece of equipment for our winter snow removal operations as it runs the snowblower. The hydraulics and transmission are both getting weak from age and usage and would require extensive repair work.

This vehicles replacement was purchased in December 2021.

Bobcat Toolcat 5600

This vehicle was scheduled for Fleet replacement in Budget year 2023, but was moved up due to supply issues due to Covid-19. We were able to secure a new unit before a \$20,000 price increase affected this purchase as well.

Because of this vehicles age and being a first generation model it is having multiple hydraulic hose failure and other component failures with no replacement parts available.

The replacement unit for this vehicle was purchased in January of 2022.