

**Watertown City Council**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**Agenda Item: CI086 Brush Chipper****Request for Action: Solicitation of Quotes****Employee/Dept.: Mike Dressel and Mike Lehrs, Public Services****Background:**

In 2023 the city had planned for the acquisition of a brush chipper capable of chipping up to a 15-inch diameter log. The brush chipper is a 2023 CIP project with an anticipated cost of \$85,000.00. This piece of equipment would be able to be shared throughout all departments.

In 2022 the city added personal anticipating the acquisition of this piece of equipment and the added workload. Also, in 2020 the city purchased a chip box as part of the Chevrolet 3500 dump body.

Some of the functions a brush chipper would benefit the city by:

- Maximize efficiently by chipping brush instead of hauling brush
- Help carry out the emerald ash borer plan
- Save on the rental budget
- Chip piles the city makes during yearly tree trimming
- Decrease the response times during weather emergencies
- Chipping our own brush which would save on the size of the brush pile in the compost site

**Budget Impact:**

Staff has budgeted \$85,000.00

**Funding Source:**

Capital Improvement Fund

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the solicitation of quotes.

**Motion Type:**

Simple majority vote of members present.

**Requested Action/Motion:**

"I move to authorize the solicitation of quotes for a brush chipper"

**Attachments:**

None