

Watertown City CouncilJanuary 27th, 2026**Agenda Item:** C1144 Forklift (USED)**Request for Action:** Solicitation of Quotes**Employee/Dept.:** Mike Loehrs, Public Services**Background:**

In the 2026 Capital Investment Plan it was identified and budgeted to purchase a used forklift to be used between all departments.

Currently City staff only has forks on our Bobcat skidsteer and Caterpillar Loader. The main problem we have with the skidsteer is the lifting capacity as it has a tipping load capacity of 2900 pounds. The other problem is that if you are lifting a load and must hold the load off the ground you cannot exit the skidsteer because of the safety hazard of exiting the bobcat with the boom raised. The main problem we have with using the forks on the loader is just visibility and size of the loader itself.

The primary function of this piece of equipment will be to help install and remove snow/ice equipment. One of those jobs is installing and removing anti-icing tanks multiple times throughout the winter months. The second primary function of this piece of equipment will be to help put away equipment and organize equipment on our current pallet racking systems.

Budget Impact:

Staff has budgeted \$8,000.00.

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 approve the solicitation of quotes for a used forklift

Attachments:

Used forklift Picture

