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***City Council***

**MEETING DATE: 9/14/2016**

**TITLE:**

**Authorization to Purchase Two Utility Vehicles**

**FROM:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the purchase of two 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Trucks with a Utility Bed and Ladder rack.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, the Facilities Department has 3 pickup trucks it uses to service City wide facilities, two 2001 Ford F150's and a 2008 Ford F250. None of the trucks is a utility truck and one has a transmission that is failing. The Public Works Department has one 2006 utility truck that it uses for signs and servicing of vehicles that also continues to have significant maintenance issues.

**DISCUSSION:**

One of the two 2001 Ford F150's continues to have maintenance issues and it is time to dispose of the vehicle. This is an opportunity for the Facilities Department to obtain and outfit a utility vehicle providing for a place to put tools and ladders that can be transported easily among the buildings that the Facilities Department services. City staff has been struggling for several years with what equipment can be mobile in the bed of a pickup truck and then returned to the yard every night to unload and lock up. With a utility bed and ladder rack, this would not occur and would make servicing the outlying buildings much more efficient and cost effective. The Public Works truck is 10 years old and is also experiencing significant maintenance issues and both trucks are becoming dangerous for staff to operate. Staff has been obtaining bids from local dealers and is recommending (2) new gasoline operated 2016 Chevrolet Silverado 2500's that have a utility bed and ladder rack from Jessup Chevrolet at a price not to exceed \$34,000 each plus tax/tags/license fee, which is \$3,100 lower than a comparable Ford F250 utility truck.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Replacement of the vehicles is funded in the equipment replacement fund.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None