

package and maximum tread tires. The cost of this vehicle, with sales tax and license included was \$22,572.64. In addition it would cost \$1,500 to have the vehicle painted Arden Hills tan and utilities, with sales tax, would cost an additional \$5,927.36. He stated the final cost of the proposed replacement vehicle was \$30,000. He noted the proposed vehicle replacement was not anticipated at this time and thus this is an unbudgeted item. He recommended funds come from the water fund, sewer fund, and general fund in the amount of \$8,000 equally, as well as a \$6,000 check issued by the LMCIT.

Councilmember Rem asked if all of the extras asked for in this new vehicle was included in the totaled vehicle. **Mr. Moore** replied this vehicle would not have an extra gas tank and storage box. He noted the gas tank and storage box that was on the totaled vehicle was salvaged and used on another City vehicle.

MOTION: Councilmember Grant moved and Councilmember Rem seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a 2004 Ford F250, Super Duty, 4x4 truck equipped with a trailer tow package, snow plow package and maximum tread tires from Superior Ford with the vehicle to be painted Arden Hills Tan and the proper utilities to be installed for a total cost not to exceed \$30,000. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

C. Karth Lake Financing Option

Mr. Parrish reviewed the options available for financing the Karth Lake Pumping Project for Council consideration and approval.

MOTION: Mayor Aplikowski moved and Councilmember Holden seconded a motion to approve the following: (a) That the \$98,700 construction contract cost be split equally (50/50) between the City and Lake Improvement District. (b) That taxes be levied against the Lake Improvement District for a period of three years in an amount not to exceed \$49,350 beginning with taxes payable in 2005. (c) That the City portion of the overall project cost be funded out of the surface water management fund.

Councilmember Larson stated he would be voting against this because they had originally agreed that this would be a 50/50 split for the whole project and not a portion of it and he believed the whole project cost should be split 50/50.

The motion carried (4-1) (Councilmember Larson - Nay).

9. ADMINISTRATION

A. Arden Hills Library – Update and Discussion

Ms. Wolfe updated Council on the Arden Hills Library for 2004. She noted with the severe budget constraints, the library would have a \$100,000 shortfall. She asked Council discuss possible opportunities for funding the 2004 funding gap.

Mr. Matt Anderson, Ramsey County Library Board Chair, summarized for Council what it would take to keep the Arden Hills Library open through 2004.

Alice Jo Carlson, Director of Arden Hills Library, stated the entire library system had substantially cut their collection spending.

Councilmember Grant pointed out the library was in the ideal location for Valentine Elementary and Mounds View High School use and he believed the issue was a priorities issue. He stated he believed if the library was closed, it would never reopen. He asked they relay this message to the County Board.

Councilmember Rem noted she was planning on attending the public hearing to show support for the library.

Councilmember Larson asked what would be different in 2004 that would change the ultimate outcome of the library. He asked if this would only allow the library to continue for one year, and they would be dealing with this same issue a year from now. **Mr. Anderson** replied they hoped the legislature would reevaluate the levy limit next year and also the County would be studying the library's structural options during the next year.

Mr. Parrish noted there were a number of options the Council could look at for funding and staff could bring this back to Council with proposed options at their next meeting.