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Memorandum

To: Common Council
From: Brian Running
Re: Claim for damages to vehicle, Ken Oswald

Ken Oswald is a city employee who works at Prairie Home Cemetery. He is the owner of a 2019 Chevy Silverado that he drives to work and parks in the cemetery parking lot. Another City employee, driving a City vehicle in the course of City employment, backed into the front right corner of Mr. Oswald's truck and damaged the bumper, fender, headlights, and grille.

The City is liable for the damage as it was caused by an employee in the course of employment. The total repair bill came to \$7,793.61. The amount of the damages caused us to scrutinize the bill very carefully, and in the end the repair shop provided us with satisfactory proof that the damages were all due to the incident involving our driver and the repairs were necessary.

We recommend allowing the claim and approving payment of the repair invoice in the amount of \$7,793.61.