



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Council Session

Item G-5

#2021-262 - Approving Bid Award - Tree Trimming Project 2022-TT-1

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

Council Agenda Memo

From: Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Stacy Nonhof, Interim City Attorney

Meeting: October 12, 2021

Subject: Tree Trimming Contract 2022-TT-1

Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

Specifications for Contract 2022-TT-1 were prepared for trimming trees from around powerlines throughout the Utility Department's Electrical Service Area. The work by private firms helps maintain the proper clearances for safe operation of the electrical transmission and distribution lines. Nine (9) individual areas were selected for inclusion in this year's project. The attached drawing shows the sections for tree trimming by outside contractors for this fiscal year.

Discussion

The Utilities Department evaluated nine (9) areas for tree trimming across the entire Electric Service Area. The project was advertised and sent to nine (9) potential firms. Bids were publicly opened on September 30, 2021, and two firms submitted prices as listed below:

| Section | Leetch Tree Service, LLC Grand Island, NE | Forbes Bros. Utility Construction, Inc. Salem, UT |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 4 | \$21,250.00 | \$30,276.00 |
| 5 | \$37,500.00 | \$38,926.00 |
| 6 | \$19,500.00 | \$19,463.00 |
| 11 | \$ 4,950.00 | \$ 4,326.00 |
| 19 | \$18,500.00 | \$12,976.00 |
| 26 | \$23,500.00 | \$28,113.00 |
| 40 | \$ 9,250.00 | \$21,626.00 |
| 41 | \$28,500.00 | \$23,788.00 |
| 42 | \$ 6,250.00 | \$ 7,488.00 |
| Total for All Sections Bid | \$169,200.00 | \$186,982.00 |

There were no exceptions taken by any of the bidders and they are qualified to do the contract work. All bids were evaluated and are in compliance with the specifications.

The project specifications provide that the City may select any or all sections to be awarded in this Contract, or the City may award all sections to a single Contractor, or award individual sections to multiple Contractors, whichever method provides the best and lowest overall bid.

The nine sections recommended for award total \$158,303.00. This is below the budgeted amount of \$225,000.00. The attached drawing shows the areas to be trimmed by outside contractors this year.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to a future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council award the Tree Trimming Contract to individual contractors by section as provided for in the specifications in the following manner:

- Leetch Tree Service, LLC, of Grand Island, Nebraska:
Sections 4, 5, 26, 40, and 42 in the amount of \$97,750.00
- Forbes Bros. Utility Construction, Inc., of Salem, Utah:
Sections 6, 11, 19, and 41 in the amount of \$60,553.00

Sample Motion

Move to approve Tree Trimming Contract 2022-TT-1 to Leetch Tree Service, LLC, of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$97,750.00, and to Forbes Bros. Utility Construction, Inc., of Salem, Utah, in the amount of \$60,553.00.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: September 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
FOR: Tree Trimming Contract 2022-TT-1
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$225,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: September 1, 2021
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 9

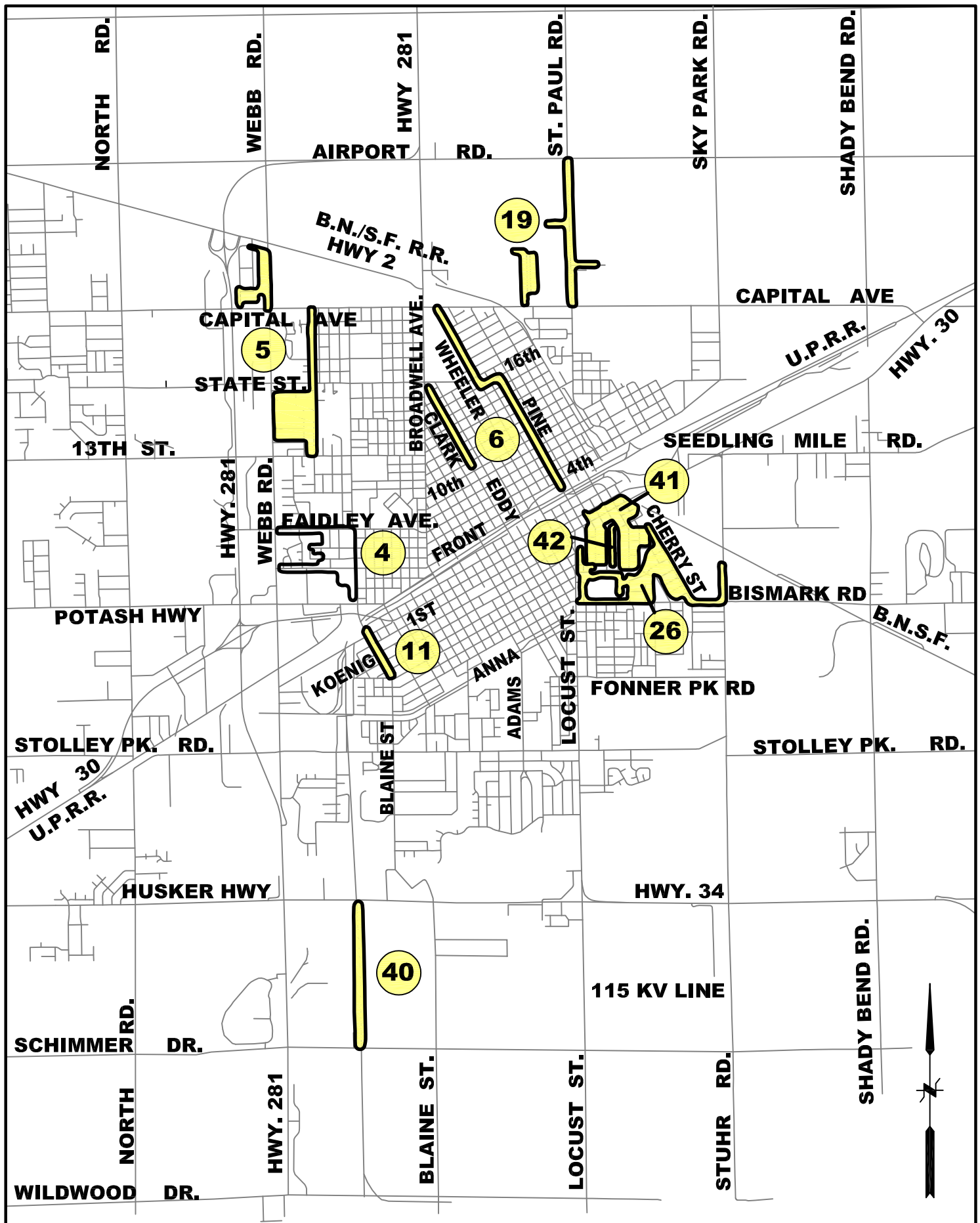
SUMMARY

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| Bidder: | <u>Leetch Tree Service</u> Grand Island, NE | <u>Forbes Utility</u> Salem, UT |
| Bid Security: | Western Surety Company | Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland |
| Exceptions: | None | None |
| Bid Price: | \$169,200.00 | \$186,982.00 |

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Jerry Janulewicz, City Administrator
Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent
Christi Leshner, Utility Secretary

Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.
Patrick Brown, Finance Director
Bryan Fiala, Electric Distribution Superintendent

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TREE TRIMMING PROJECT

Tree Trimming Contract 2022-TT-1

Bids Received 9/30/2021

Budget Amount = \$225,000.00

The City may select any or all sections to be awarded in this Contract.

or - The City may award to a single Contractor for all sections

or - award to multiple Contractors by individual section.

| Section | Leetch Tree Service, LLC Grand Island, NE | Forbes Bros Utility Construction, Inc. Salem, UT | Low Bid By Section |
|------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| 4 | \$21,250.00 | \$30,276.00 | \$21,250.00 |
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| 42 | \$6,250.00 | \$7,488.00 | \$6,250.00 |
| Total for All Sections Bid | \$169,200.00 | \$186,982.00 | \$158,303.00 |
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| Award by Low Bid Per Section | \$97,750.00 | \$60,553.00 | \$158,303.00 |
| Sections: | 4, 5, 26, 40, 42 | 6, 11, 19, 41 | |
| Exceptions Noted. | none | none | |

RESOLUTION 2021-262

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Tree Trimming Contract 2022-TT-1, according to plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, Leetch Tree Service, LLC, of Grand Island, Nebraska, and Forbes Bros. Utility Construction, Inc., of Salem, Utah, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bids being in the amount and listed below:

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WHEREAS, the bids of Leetch Tree Service, LLC, and Forbes Bros. Utility Construction, Inc., are less than the estimate for Tree Trimming Contract 2022-TT-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Leetch Tree Service, LLC, in the amount of \$97,970.00, and the bid from Forbes Bros. Utility Construction Inc., in the amount of \$60,553.00, for Tree Trimming Contract 2022-TT-1 are hereby approved as the lowest responsible bids.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 12, 2021.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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| Approved as to Form | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| October 21, 2021 | <input type="checkbox"/> | City Attorney |