



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Council Session

Item G-3

**#2014-346 - Approving Bid Award - Tree Trimming/Removal
Contract 2015-TT-1 for the Utilities Department**

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

Council Agenda Memo

From: Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant Utilities Attorney

Meeting: November 25, 2014

Subject: Tree Trimming and Removal Contract 2015-TT-1

Item #'s: G-3

Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

Specifications for Contract 2015-TT-1 were prepared for tree trimming and tree removal work throughout the Utilities Department's electrical distribution service area. The project provides for private firms to help maintain the proper clearances between power lines and trees for safe operation of the system.

The attached drawings show the nine sections for tree trimming and the one bid section for tree removals by outside contractors for this fiscal year.

Discussion

The contract's bid documents were publicly advertised and sent to eleven potential firms. The bids were opened at 2:00 p.m. on November 13, 2014 in accordance with City Procurement Codes. Bids were received from two firms that have previously worked on City projects. The engineer's estimate for this contract is \$150,000.

The total bid for all ten sections was:

Leetch Tree Service
Grand Island NE
\$142,265.00

Asplundh Tree Expert Co.
Urbandale, IA 50322
\$297,656.00

The bid from Asplundh Tree Expert Company contained exceptions. These dealt with the contract's insurance requirements and standard wording in the City's Division 1, General Specifications which are a part of all contracts. These exceptions were reviewed, and as per the Assistant City Attorney, the specifications and the insurance requirements have been approved by Council, and could not be modified without Council approval.

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 future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

It is recommended the Council award the Tree Trimming and Removal Contract 2015-TT-1, for all ten sections to Leetch Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$142,265.00.

Sample Motion

Move to award Tree Trimming Contract 2015-TT-1 to Leetch Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$142,265.00.



Stacy Nonhof, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: November 13, 2014 at 2:00 pm
FOR: Tree Trimming/Removal Contract 2015-TT-1
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$150,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: October 13, 2014
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 10

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Leetch Tree Service</u> Grand Island, NE	<u>Asplundh Tree Expert Co.</u> Grand Island, NE
Bid Security:	Western Surety Co.	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.0
Exceptions:	None	Noted
Bid Price:		
Section 1:	\$28,970.00	\$70,305.00
Section 2:	\$ 9,800.00	\$37,485.00
Section 3:	\$18,645.00	\$49,718.00
Section 4:	\$18,400.00	\$44,378.00
Section 5:	\$ 9,800.00	\$24,346.00
Section 6:	\$15,900.00	\$21,956.00
Section 7:	\$ 6,700.00	\$12,219.00
Section 8:	\$14,350.00	\$13,788.00
Section 9:	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 8,445.00
Section 10:	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,015.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$142,265.00</u>	<u>\$297,656.00</u>

cc: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Mary Lou Brown, City Administrator
Christy Leshner, PCC Utilities Secretary

Jaye Monter, Finance Director
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

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RESOLUTION 2014-346

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Tree Trimming/Removal Project 2015-TT-1 for the Utilities Department, according to the plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2014, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the requested work has been divided into ten sections in order to achieve the best and lowest cost, and to expedite the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, Leetch Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and the plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$ 142,265.00, for all ten sections of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the total of the lowest bid for the above listed ten sections represents the lowest responsible bid for said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of Leetch Tree Service in the amount of \$142,265.00 for all ten sections of the contract is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for all sections; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such contract on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, November 25, 2014.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
November 21, 2014	☐ City Attorney