



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

Council Session

Item G9

**#2005-330 - Approving Bid Award for Tree Trimming Contract
2006-TT-1**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; DaleShotkoski

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director
Dale Shotkoski, Asst. City Attorney/Purchasing

Meeting: November 22, 2005

Subject: Bid Award – Tree Trimming Contract 2006-TT-1

Item #'s: G-9

Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Background

Proper clearance between trees and power lines is very important to the safe operation and maintenance of the City's electric system. The Utilities Department has one crew dedicated to Right-of-Way maintenance and also uses the services of contractors when necessary to maintain line clearance over the nearly 500 miles of distribution and transmission lines. Specifications for Contract 2006-TT-1, have been prepared for private contractors to provide tree trimming services for the clearances needed for reliable electrical service.

Discussion

The specifications provide for the City to select any or all sections to be awarded in this contract, and to award to a single Contractor for all sections, or award to multiple Contractors by individual section, whichever provides the best overall contract price.

The project was publicly advertised and specifications were sent to seven (7) potential bidders. The bids were publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. on November 10, 2005 in accordance with City Procurement Codes. Three (3) bids were received and have been checked and evaluated. A tabulation of the bids received is listed below:

Bid Amount	Tom's Tree Service Grand Island, NE	Wright's Tree Service Des Moines, IA	Sheffield Tree Service Grand Island, NE
Section 1	\$7,300.00*	\$16,500.00	\$7,500.00
Section 2	\$5,000.00*	\$10,600.00	\$6,500.00
Section 3	\$10,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$6,250.00*
Section 4	\$9,500.00*	\$12,200.00	No Bid
Section 5	\$11,500.00*	\$19,200.00	No Bid
	Tom's Tree Service	Wright's Tree Service	Sheffield Tree Service

Bid Amount	Grand Island, NE	Des Moines, IA	Grand Island, NE
Section 6	\$14,000.00*	\$17,500.00	No Bid
Section 7	\$18,000.00*	\$24,500.00	No Bid
Section 8	\$5,100.00	\$7,000.00	\$3,500.00*
Section 9	\$12,500.00	\$17,500.00	\$3,800.00*
Section 10	\$16,500.00*	\$19,500.00	No Bid
Section 11	\$23,000.00	\$21,500.00*	No Bid
Section 12	\$18,500.00	\$16,200.00*	No Bid

(*) Indicates low bid per section

The combination of the lowest bids is \$133,050.00, and is below the estimate of \$150,000.00. All bids are without exceptions and meet Contract requirements. Funds were budgeted for FY 2005-2006 for this contract work.

Alternatives

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

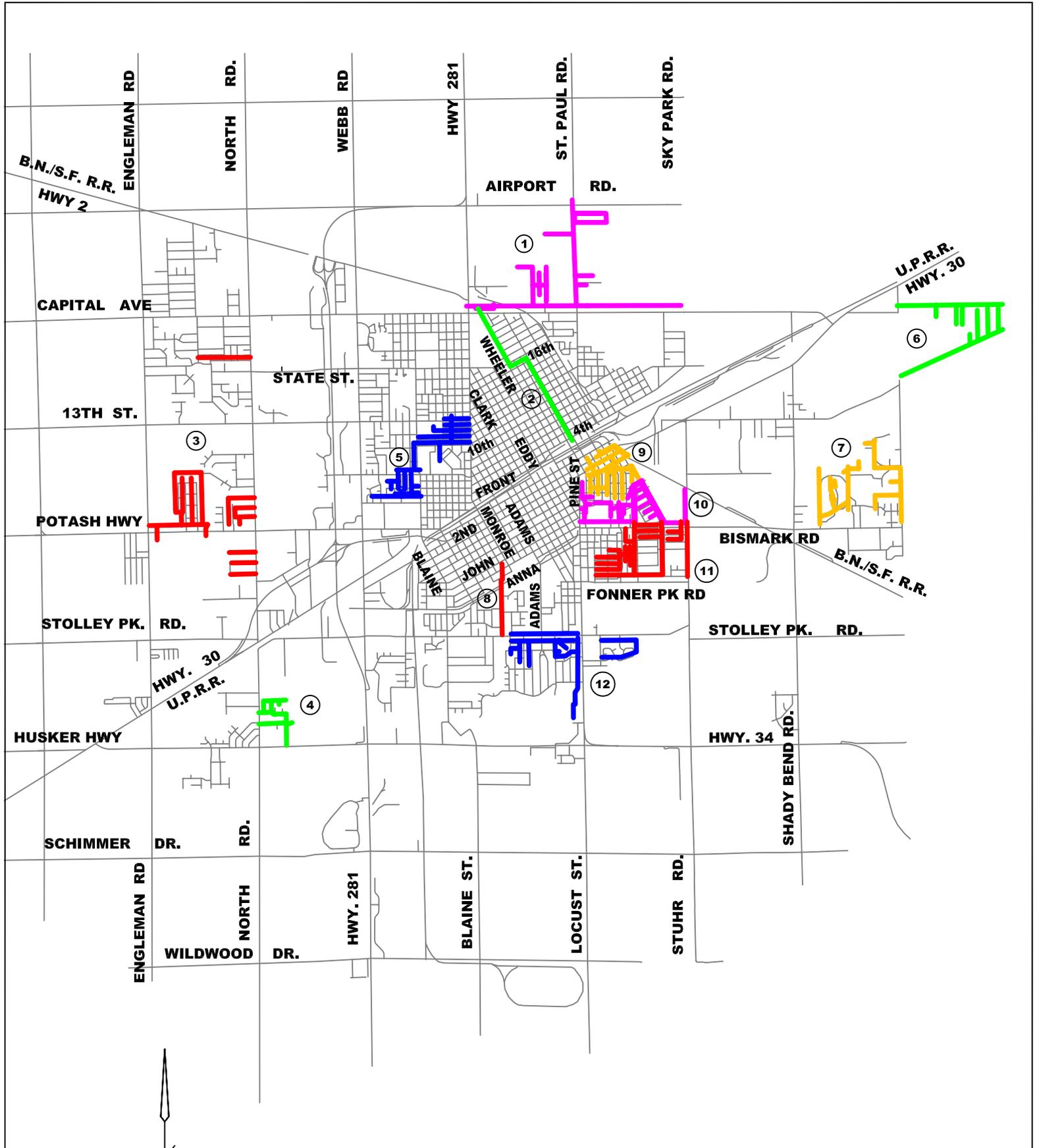
1. Move to approve the award of Tree Trimming Contract 2006-TT-1 to the individual bidders in each section
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 to Tom's Tree Service in the amount of \$81,800; award Sections 3, 8, and 9 to Sheffield Tree Service in the amount of \$13,550.00; and award Sections 11, and 12 to Wright Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$37,700.00.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve award of Tree Trimming Contract 2006-TT-1, per section, to the individual low bidder for each section.



CITY OF
GRAND ISLAND
 UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

**TREE TRIMMING
 PROJECT 2006-TT-1
 ALL 12 SECTIONS**

Purchasing Division of Legal Department
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



Dale M. Shotkoski, Assistant City Attorney

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: November 10, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.
FOR: Tree Trimming Contract 2006-TT-1
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$150,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: October 19, 2005
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 7

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Tom's Tree Service</u> Grand Island, NE	<u>Wright Tree Service, Inc.</u> Des Moines, IA	<u>Sheffield Tree Service</u> Grand Island, NE
Bid Security:	\$7,570.00	Merchants Bonding Co.	Western Surety Co.
Bid Price:			
Section 1:	\$ 7,300.00	\$16,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
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Section 3:	\$10,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$ 6,250.00
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cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Tom Barnes, Eng. Manager – Utilities
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Laura Berthelsen, Legal Assistant

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Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.
Dale Shotkoski, Purchasing Agent

R E S O L U T I O N 2005-330

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited bids for Tree Trimming Project 2006-TT-1 for the Utilities Department, according to the plans and specifications on file with the Utility Engineering Office at Phelps Control Center; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2005, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the requested work has been divided into 12 sections in order to achieve the best and lowest cost, and to expedite the completion of the work; and

WHEREAS, Tom's 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 \$81,800 for Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Sheffield 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 \$13,550 for Sections 3, 8 and 9 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Wright Tree Service, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa, 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 \$37,700 for Sections 11 and 12 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the combined total of the lowest bids for the above-listed seventeen sections is less than the engineer's estimate for said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that:

1. The bid of Tom's Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$81,800 for Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 of Tree Trimming Project 2006-TT-1 is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

2. The bid of Sheffield Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$13,550 for Sections 3, 8 and 9 of Tree Trimming Project 2006-TT-1 is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

3. The bid of Wright Tree Service, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa, in the amount of \$37,700 for Sections 11 and 12 of Tree Trimming Project 2006-TT-1 is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

Approved as to Form ✕ _____ November 16, 2005 ✕ City Attorney

4. A contract for such project be entered into between the City and such contractors; and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed 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 22, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk