



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Council Session

## Item G9

**#2007-301 - Approving Bid Award for Tree Trimming Contract**

**#2008-TT-1**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Wesley Nespor

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director  
Wesley Nesor, Asst. City Attorney/Purchasing

**Meeting:** November 27, 2007

**Subject:** Bid Award – Tree Trimming Contract 2008-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 2008-TT-1 were prepared for private contractors to provide bids for tree trimming services for the clearances needed for safe, reliable electrical service.

A drawing showing the sections to be trimmed this year is attached.

## **Discussion**

The contract documents provide for trees to be trimmed from electrical circuits in twelve areas.

The project was publicly advertised and specifications were sent to ten (10) potential bidders. The bids were opened at 11:00 a.m. on November 14, 2007, in accordance with City Procurement Codes. Bids were received from four firms and have been checked and evaluated. 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 a individual section to multiple Contractors.

<b>Section ID</b>	<b>Tom's Tree Service G.I. NE</b>	<b>Sheffield Tree Service G.I. NE</b>	<b>Wright Tree Service Des Moines, IA</b>	<b>Asplundh Tree Expert Co. Fairfax, IA</b>	<b>Low Bid Per Section</b>
Section 1	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>	\$ 7,868.00	\$ 2,500.00
Section 2	\$ 17,000.00	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,703.00	\$ 7,500.00
Section 3	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 10,000.00	<b>\$ 9,835.00</b>	\$ 9,835.00
Section 4	\$ 23,500.00	No Bid	<b>\$ 12,400.00</b>	\$ 17,703.00	\$ 12,400.00
Section 5	No Bid	No Bid	<b>\$ 11,200.00</b>	\$ 19,670.00	\$ 11,200.00
Section 6	No Bid	No Bid	<b>\$ 12,200.00</b>	\$ 19,670.00	\$ 12,200.00
Section 7	\$ 15,000.00	No Bid	<b>\$ 13,100.00</b>	\$ 19,670.00	\$ 13,100.00
Section 8	No Bid	No Bid	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>	\$ 29,505.00	\$ 21,000.00
Section 9	\$ 17,000.00	<b>\$ 6,850.00</b>	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 9,835.00	\$ 6,850.00
Section 10	\$ 12,000.00	No Bid	\$ 13,800.00	<b>\$ 11,802.00</b>	\$ 11,802.00
Section 11	\$ 12,750.00	<b>\$ 8,500.00</b>	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 35,406.00	\$ 8,500.00
Section 12	<b>\$ 17,100.00</b>	No Bid	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 47,208.00	\$ 17,100.00
<b>Total</b>	\$119,850.00	\$27,350.00	\$172,600.00	\$245,875.00	\$133,987.00
<b>Total Low Bid by Contractor</b>	<b>\$17,100.00</b>	<b>\$22,850.00</b>	<b>\$72,400.00</b>	<b>\$21,637.00</b>	<b>133,987.00</b>
<b>Sections to be Awarded</b>	12	2, 9, 11	1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	3, 10	<i>All Sections</i>

The total project cost, by taking the lowest bid per section is \$133,987.00. This is below the project's estimate of \$150,000.00.

Asplundh Tree Expert Company took an exception to some of the wording in the General Specifications, Division 1, Section 8.08 – Abrogation. This has been reviewed and is acceptable to the Legal Department. It does not effect the cost of the project, nor negatively impact the performance of the work.

On Section 12, the bid from Tom's Tree Service of Grand Island and Wright Tree Service of Des Moines, is the same amount. As provided for in the contract's *Instructions to Bidders* page B-6:

“In case of tied low bids, all other things being equal, preference shall be given in the following order: to those bidders who maintain a bona fide business office in the City of Grand Island, whose products may be made outside the confines of the City of Grand Island.”

Therefore, part of the Department's recommendation will be to award Section 12 to the local firm – Tom's Tree Service.

### **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

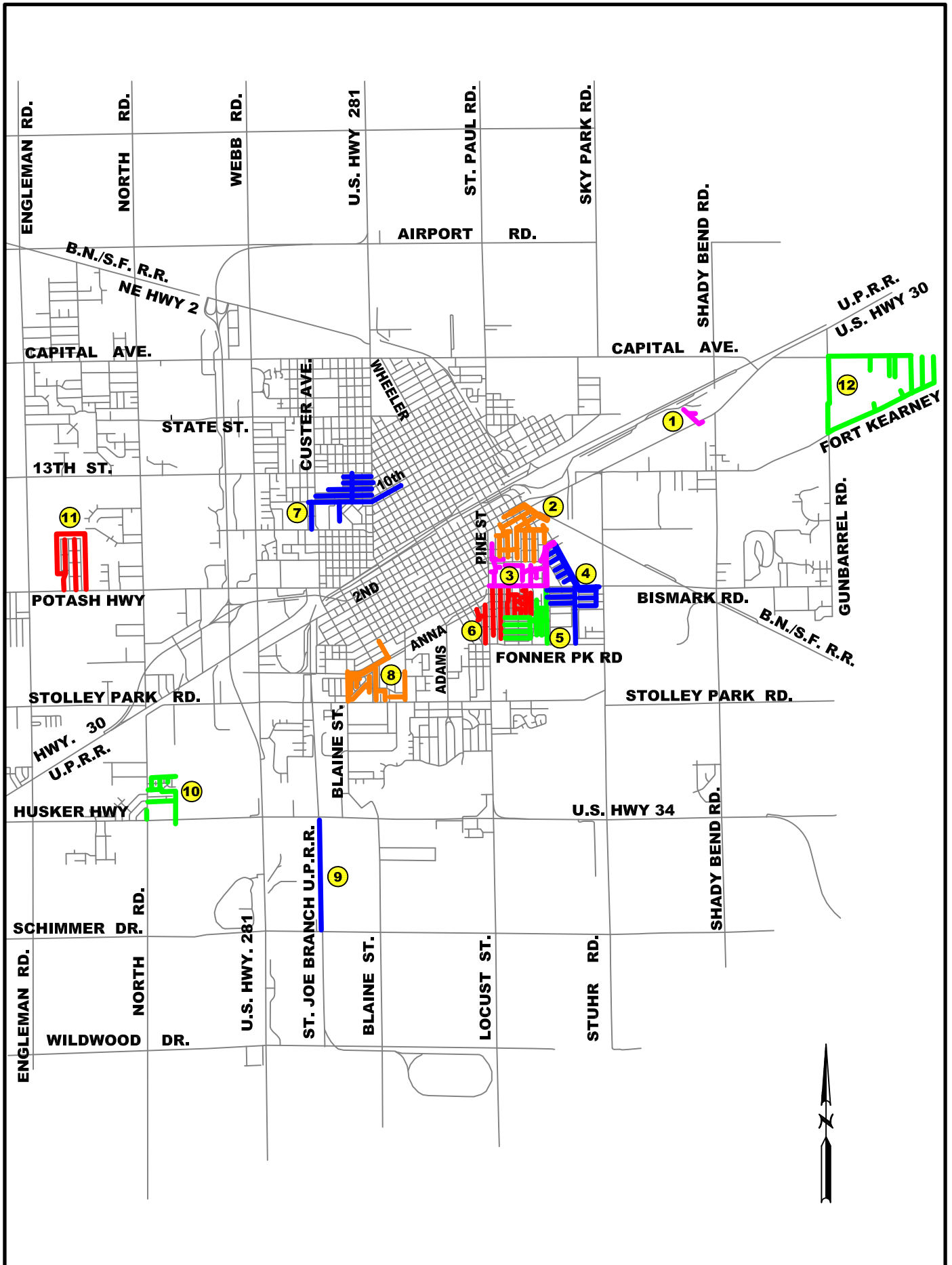
### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council award Tree Trimming Contract 2008-TT-1 to the following individual contractors as provided for in the specification in the following manner:

Tom's Tree Service – Section 12, in the amount of \$17,100.00  
Sheffield Tree Service – Sections 2, 9 and 11, in the amount of \$22,850.00  
Wright Tree Service – Sections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, in the amount of \$72,400.00  
Asplundh Tree Expert – Sections 3 and 10, in the amount of \$21,637.00.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve award of Tree Trimming Contract 2008-TT-1, to Tom's Tree Service, Sheffield Tree Service, Wright Tree Service, and Asplundh Tree Expert based upon the lowest bid for each individual section.





Wes Nespor, Assistant City Attorney

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**BID OPENING**

**BID OPENING DATE:** November 14, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.  
**FOR:** Tree Trimming Contract 2008-TT-1  
**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities  
**ESTIMATE:** \$150,000.00  
**FUND/ACCOUNT:** 520  
**PUBLICATION DATE:** October 23, 2007  
**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 10

**SUMMARY**

<b>Bidder:</b>	<u>Asplundh Tree Expert Co.</u> Fairfax, IA	<u>Sheffield Tree Service</u> Grand Island, NE
<b>Bid Security:</b>	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co.	Western Surety Company
<b>Exceptions:</b>	Noted	None
<b>Bid Price:</b>		
<b>Section 1:</b>	\$7,868.00	\$4,500.00
<b>Section 2:</b>	17,703.00	7,500.00
<b>Section 3:</b>	9,835.00	No Bid
<b>Section 4:</b>	17,703.00	No Bid
<b>Section 5:</b>	19,670.00	No Bid
<b>Section 6:</b>	19,670.00	No Bid
<b>Section 7:</b>	19,670.00	No Bid
<b>Section 8:</b>	29,505.00	No Bid
<b>Section 9:</b>	9,835.00	6,850.00
<b>Section 10:</b>	11,802.00	No Bid
<b>Section 11:</b>	35,406.00	8,500.00
<b>Section 12:</b>	<u>47,208.00</u>	<u>No Bid</u>
<b>Total all Sections:</b>	\$245,875.00	\$27,350.00

<b>Bidder:</b>	<b><u>Tom's Tree Service</u></b> <b>Grand Island, NE</b>	<b><u>Wright Tree Service</u></b> <b>Des Moines, Iowa</b>
<b>Bid Security:</b>	<b>Western Surety Company</b>	<b>Merchants Bonding Company</b>
<b>Exceptions:</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Bid Price:</b>		
<b>Section 1:</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Section 2:</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	<b>17,500.00</b>
<b>Section 3:</b>	<b>No Bid</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Section 4:</b>	<b>23,500.00</b>	<b>12,400.00</b>
<b>Section 5:</b>	<b>No Bid</b>	<b>11,200.00</b>
<b>Section 6:</b>	<b>No Bid</b>	<b>12,200.00</b>
<b>Section 7:</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>13,100.00</b>
<b>Section 8:</b>	<b>No Bid</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>
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<b>Section 11:</b>	<b>12,750.00</b>	<b>15,800.00</b>
<b>Section 12:</b>	<b><u>17,100.00</u></b>	<b><u>17,100.00</u></b>
<b>Total all Sections:</b>	<b>\$119,850.00</b>	<b>\$172,600.00</b>

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director  
Tom Barnes, Utilities Eng. Manager  
Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney  
Sherry Peters, Legal Secretary

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director  
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.  
Wes Nespor, Assist. City Attorney

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R E S O L U T I O N 2007-301

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited bids for Tree Trimming Project 2008-TT-1 for the Utilities Department, according to the plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2007, 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, Wright Tree Service 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 \$72,400.00 for Sections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 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 \$22,850.00 for Sections 2, 9 and 11 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Asplundh Tree Expert of Fairfax, 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 \$21,637.00 for Sections 3 and 10 of the contract; 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 \$17,100.00 for Section 12, of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the combined total of the lowest bids for the above-listed twelve 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:

1. The bid of Wright Tree Service of Des Moines, Iowa, in the amount of \$72,400.00 for Sections 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the contract 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 \$22,850.00 for Sections 2, 9 and 11 of the contract is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

3. The bid of Asplundh Tree Expert of Fairfax, Iowa, in the amount of \$21,637.00 for

Approved as to Form	▣ _____
November 20, 2007	▣ City Attorney



Sections 3 and 10 of the contract is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

4. The bid of Tom's Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$17,100.00 for Section 12, of the contract is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

5. 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 27, 2007.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk