



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Council Session

Item G7

**#2009-278 - Approving Bid Award - Tree Trimming Contract 2010-
TT-1**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader

Council Agenda Memo

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

Meeting: October 27, 2009

Subject: Tree Trimming Contract 2010-TT-1

Item #'s: G-7

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 for the over 500 miles of distribution and transmission lines. Specifications for Contract 2010-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 in 2010 is attached.

Discussion

The contract documents provide for trees to be trimmed from electrical circuits in 15 separate areas. The project was publicly advertised and specifications were sent to twelve potential bidders. The bids were publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. on October 15, 2009 in accordance with City Procurement Codes. Bids were received from five firms and have been checked and evaluated.

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.

Section	Leetch Tree Service Grand Island, NE	Asplundh Tree Expert Co Fairfax, IA	Sheffield Tree Service Grand Island, NE	Tom's Tree Service Grand Island, NE	Wright Tree Service Des Moines, IA	Low Bid per Section
1	\$4,987.00	\$10,888.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$25,200.00	\$4,987.00
2	\$21,685.00	\$35,551.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$43,280.00	\$21,685.00
3	\$8,750.00	\$31,807.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$38,500.00	\$8,750.00
4	\$2,875.00	\$5,575.00	No Bid	\$17,500.00	\$17,600.00	\$2,875.00
5	\$7,645.00	\$18,327.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$18,640.00	\$7,645.00
6	\$5,595.00	\$27,678.00	No Bid	\$16,000.00	\$10,800.00	\$5,595.00
7	\$9,350.00	\$16,418.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$33,140.00	\$9,350.00
8	\$12,450.00	\$56,407.00	No Bid	\$28,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$12,450.00
9	\$4,825.00	\$3,649.00	\$6,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,649.00
10	\$7,315.00	\$29,217.00	No Bid	\$24,000.00	\$24,700.00	\$7,315.00
11	\$4,950.00	\$8,464.00	No Bid	\$17,500.00	\$17,820.00	\$4,950.00
12	\$7,575.00	\$16,845.00	No Bid	\$27,000.00	\$17,240.00	\$7,575.00
13	\$5,562.00	\$6,604.00	\$4,500.00	\$14,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$4,500.00
14	\$9,150.00	\$32,696.00	No Bid	\$15,000.00	\$15,280.00	\$9,150.00
15	\$5,562.00	\$4,219.00	No Bid	\$1,400.00	\$4,800.00	\$1,400.00
Low Section Total	\$102,327.00	\$3,649.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,400.00		\$111,876.00

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.

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

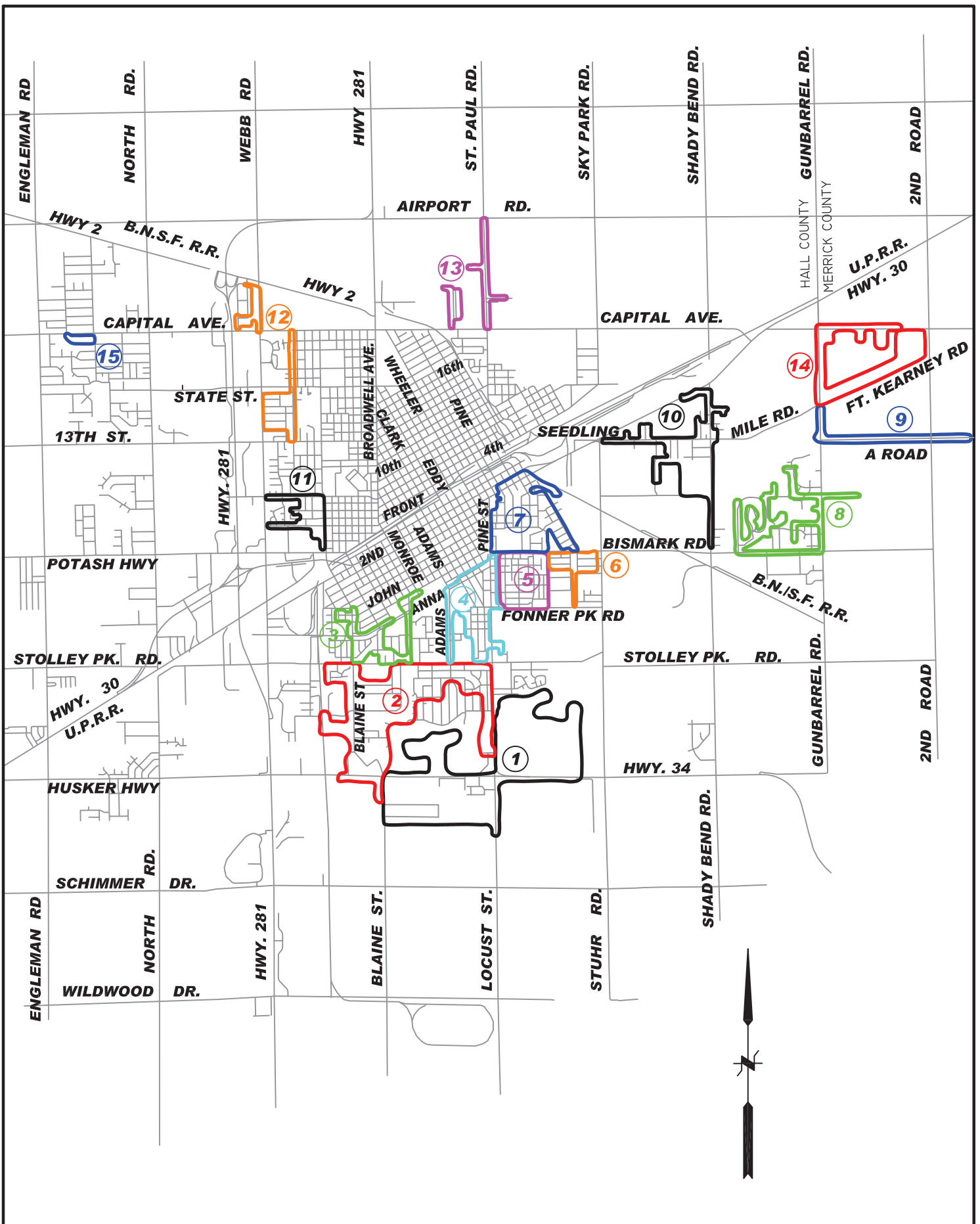
City Administration recommends that the Council award the trimming contract to individual contractors by section as provided for in the specifications in the following manner:

Leetch Tree Service of Grand Island, Sections 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12, &14 in the amount of \$102,327.00; Asplundh Tree Experts of Fairfax, IA, Section 9 in the amount of \$3,649.00; Sheffield Tree Service of Grand Island, Section 13 in the amount of \$4,500.00; and Tom's Tree Service of Grand Island, Section 15 in the amount of \$1,400.00.

The total amount to award all sections is \$111,876.00, which is less than the project estimate of \$150,000.00.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Tree Trimming Contract 2010-TT-1 to Leetch Tree Service, Asplundh Tree Expert Company, Sheffield Tree Service, and Tom's Tree Service, based upon the lowest bid for each individual section.





Wes Nespor, Purchasing Agent

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BID OPENING

BID OPENING DATE: October 15, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.
FOR: Tree Trimming Contract 2010-TT-1
DEPARTMENT: Utilities
ESTIMATE: \$150,000.00
FUND/ACCOUNT: 520
PUBLICATION DATE: September 14, 2009
NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS: 11

SUMMARY

Bidder:	<u>Asplundh Tree Expert Co.</u> Fairfax, IA	<u>Leetch Tree Service</u> Grand Island, NE
Bid Security:	Travelers Casualty & Surety	Western Surety Company
Exceptions:	None	None

Bid Price:		
Section 1:	\$10,888.00	\$ 4,987.00
Section 2:	\$35,551.00	\$21,685.00
Section 3:	\$31,807.00	\$ 8,750.00
Section 4:	\$ 5,575.00	\$ 2,875.00
Section 5:	\$18,327.00	\$ 7,645.00
Section 6:	\$27,678.00	\$ 5,595.00
Section 7:	\$16,418.00	\$ 9,350.00
Section 8:	\$56,407.00	\$12,450.00
Section 9:	\$ 3,649.00	\$ 4,825.00
Section 10:	\$29,217.00	\$ 7,315.00
Section 11:	\$ 8,464.00	\$ 4,950.00
Section 12:	\$16,845.00	\$ 7,575.00
Section 13:	\$ 6,604.00	\$ 5,562.00
Section 14:	\$32,696.00	\$ 9,150.00
Section 15:	\$ 4,219.00	<u>\$ 5,562.00</u>

Section 14: **\$15,000.00**
Section 15: **\$ 1,400.00**

Total Price: **\$165,900.00**

cc: Gary Mader, Utilities Director
Dale Shotkoski, City Attorney
Jeff Pederson, City Administrator
Tom Barnes, Eng. Mgr.

Bob Smith, Assist. Utilities Director
Wes Nespor, Purchasing Agent
Pat Gericke, Utilities Admin. Assist.

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RESOLUTION 2009-278

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited sealed bids for Tree Trimming Project 2010-TT-1 for the Utilities Department, according to the plans and specifications on file with the Utilities Department; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2009, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the requested work has been divided into 15 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 \$102,327.00 for Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Asplundh Tree Experts 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 \$3,649.00 for Section 9 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Sheffield Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, submitted a bid in the 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 \$4,500.00 for Section 13 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 requirement contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$1,400.00 for Section 15 of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the combined total of the lowest bids for the above listed fifteen 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 Leetch Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$102,327.00 for Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14 of the contract is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for those sections.

2. The bid of Asplundh Tree Experts of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$3,649.00 for Section 9 of the contract is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for this section.

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
October 22, 2009	☐ City Attorney

. 3. The bid of Sheffield Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$4,500.00 for Section 13 of the contract is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for this section.

. 4. The bid of Tom's Tree Service of Grand Island, Nebraska, in the amount of \$1,400.00 for Section 15 of the contract is hereby approved as the lowest responsive bid submitted for this section.

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, October 27, 2009.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk