

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: WINTER & SUMMER PUBLIC WORKS TREE TRIMMING

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department requires various tree trimming and stump grinding to be performed during the winter and summer contract periods. The 2009/10 Budget includes \$60,000 for this work. The estimated amount needed for the winter tree trimming contract is \$30,000 and the summer tree trimming contract is estimated at \$25,000. That would put the contract at \$55,000, which will leave \$5,000 for other miscellaneous work.

The following bids were received on September 22, 2009:

<u>Bidder</u>	2009/10 WINTER & SUMMER TREE TRIMMING	
	<u>Bid Amount – Winter</u>	<u>Bid Amount - Summer</u>
LawnPro, Polk City, IA	\$35.00/Crew Hour	\$ 44.00/Crew Hour
Finco Tree/Wood Service LLC	\$82.50/Crew Hour	\$ 90.00/Crew Hour
Wright Outdoor Solutions,	\$85.00/Crew Hour	\$ 85.00/Crew Hour
Asplundh Tree Expert Co.	\$85.15/Crew Hour	\$ 85.15/Crew Hour
Weiss Tree Service, Inc.	\$100.00/Crew Hour	\$100.00/Crew Hour
Dan's Custom Landscapes	\$150.00/Crew Hour	\$150.00/Crew Hour
Custom Tree Care, Inc.	\$130.00/Crew Hour	No Bid

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve contract for the 2009/10 Winter & Summer Tree Trimming to LawnPro, Polk City, IA, in the amount of \$55,000.
2. Reject all bids and attempt to purchase tree trimming on an as-need basis.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Accomplishing this tree trimming work is important for the Public Works Department to maintain the City's current service level for right-of-way maintenance. The low bidder is currently performing this work for the City, and has done good work at a very low cost.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving award of contract for the 2009/10 Winter and Summer Tree Trimming to LawnPro, Polk City, IA, in the amount of \$55,000.