

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF COSTS FOR MOWING/BRUSH REMOVAL

BACKGROUND:

City staff has mowed and/or removed brush at the properties listed below. Also included are the names and addresses of the property owners and the costs associated with the mowing and/or brush removal. The work was completed and bills were mailed to the property owners. To date, these bills have not been paid. A certified notice of this hearing has been mailed to the property owners.

Dylan Nelson \$ 170.00
1114 North 4th Street
Mowing/brush removal for property located at 1114 North 4th Street
Notice posted on July 19, 2011

Sandy Arrasmith \$ 372.50
1320 Grand Avenue
Mowing for property located at 1320 Grand Avenue
Notice posted on August 22, 2011

Sarah Zwick-Tapley \$100.00
1721 7th Street
Nevada, IA 50201
Mowing for property located at 1111 North 3rd Street
Notice posted on July 19, 2011

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can adopt a resolution assessing the costs to the property owners shown on the above list. The Finance Director will then prepare a spread sheet on the assessments, and the City Clerk's Office will file the assessments with the Story County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes as provided for by the *Code of Iowa*.
2. The City Council could choose not to certify these costs to the County Treasurer and, instead, absorb the costs.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

These property owners have failed to mow and/or remove brush even after receiving notice to do so, and have neglected to pay the costs incurred by the City. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 as outlined above.