

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **STREET TREE TRIMMING CONTRACT**

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department requires various tree trimming and stump grinding to be performed during the winter and summer contract periods. The FY 2015/16 budget includes \$82,000 for this work. The estimated amount needed for the winter tree trimming contract is \$40,000 and the summer tree trimming contract is estimated at \$35,000. That would put the contract at \$75,000, which will leave \$7,000 for other miscellaneous work.

The following bids were received on September 26, 2013:

<u>Bidder</u>	2013/14 WINTER & SUMMER TREE TRIMMING	
	<u>Bid Amount – Winter</u>	<u>Bid Amount - Summer</u>
LawnPro L.L.C., Colo IA	\$ 37.50/Crew Hour	\$ 39.50/Crew Hour
Dan's Custom Landscapes, Ames IA	\$110.00/Crew Hour	\$150.00/Crew Hour
Greener Lawns Tree Service, Hannibal MO	\$165.15/Crew Hour	\$165.15/Crew Hour

LawnPro L.L.C was awarded the Winter & Summer Tree Trimming contract last year. The contract had renewal options through summer 2016. LawnPro indicated a \$.50 price increase for winter and a \$.50 increase for summer.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve contract for the 2015/16 Winter & Summer Tree Trimming to LawnPro L.L.C., Colo, Iowa, in the amount of \$75,000.

This is the last renewal option under the original contract.

2. Reject all bids and attempt to purchase tree trimming on an as-need basis.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The approved 2015/16 operating budget for the Public Works Department includes \$82,000 for tree trimming. The estimated cost of this contract is \$75,000. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.