

## **COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: WIND STORM DEBRIS MULCHING CONTRACT**

### **BACKGROUND:**

On July 18, 201, the City of Ames was subject to a wind storm that caused extensive damage to trees on public and private property. At that time, the City of Ames opened a debris drop-off site to allow citizens to dispose of their storm debris and for City forces to deposit debris that was picked up from the right-of-way. At that time, the City went out for bids and awarded a contract to J. Pettiecord, Inc. for the mulching of the debris and for hauling off debris not used by the public.

The original contract was estimated to cost \$45,000 for the mulching and removal of mulch. The first mulching was completed and invoiced for a total of \$32,000. After the mulching it was decided that mulch needed to be removed to allow for the second grinding operation and to allow for more debris area. The second mulching has now been completed and along with removal of mulch, the total work done to date is \$52,200. Since this exceeds \$50,000, City Council is required to approve the change order for work done to date. There will be additional work to remove any remaining mulch at the end of October, and that invoice will be handled per Purchasing Policy.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Change Order with J. Pettiecord, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,200 for the debris mulching contract, for a total contract amount of \$52,200.
2. Direct staff to make other arrangements for the project.

### **MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project served to help our citizens deal with the damage of the July 18, 2010 wind storm. The City staff is pursuing partial reimbursement from FEMA for the associated costs of debris removal.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Change Order with J. Pettiecord, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,200 for the debris mulching contract, for a total contract amount of \$52,200.