

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF COSTS FOR MOWING AND WEED REMOVAL

BACKGROUND:

City staff has mowed and destroyed weeds at the property listed below. Also included is the name and address of the property owner and the costs associated with the mowing and weed destruction.

The work was completed and a bill was sent to the individual. To date, the bill has not been paid. A certified notice of this hearing was mailed to the property owner.

Melanie Smith	\$250.59
1420 N.W. 23 rd Lane	
Ankeny, IA 50023	
Mowing and weed destruction for property located at 3702 Jewel Drive.	
Work performed on July 12, 2010.	

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can adopt a resolution assessing the costs to the property owner shown on the above list. The Finance Director will then prepare a spread sheet on the assessment, and the City Clerk's Office will file the assessment 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 the costs to the County Treasurer and, instead, absorb the costs.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The property owner failed to mow and destroy weeds even after receiving notice to do so, and the owner has 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, thereby assessing the costs of mowing and weed removal to the designated property owner.