

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINE CLEARANCE PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

This contract includes the requirements for ongoing, routine tree trimming services for the Electric Services Department during the 2010/11, 2011/12, and 2012/13 fiscal years. It does not cover large storm-related emergency situations.

On May 25, 2010, City Council awarded a contract to Asplundh Tree Expert Co., of Fairfax, Iowa, for tree trimming services for the Electric Services Department. This contract contained two renewal options. The period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, is the second and final renewal option subject to Council approval of funding for this program. Hourly rates for FY 2012/13 are shown on the attached sheet. **The labor rates shown represent a 2% increase from FY 2011/12 and the equipment rates shown represent a 3% increase from FY 2011/12. Both increases are in accordance with the contract terms initially established.**

The approved FY 2012/13 operating budget includes \$275,000 for this program. The program is monitored by the Electric Distribution Division to ensure the established level of service is maintained and expenditures are in accordance with the budget guidelines.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Approve the contract renewal with Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Fairfax, IA, for the Line Clearance Program for Electric Distribution for the one-year period from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Payments will be based on hourly rates, unit prices bid, and actual work performed. Total cost for FY 2012/13 shall be for the not to exceed amount of \$275,000.
- 2) Do not renew the agreement and instruct staff to seek new competitive bids.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

An on-going tree trimming program helps mitigate the number of customer interruptions resulting from extreme weather events. Renewing this contract will establish a fixed price for performance of the required tree trimming services at the best price, obtained previously through a competitive sealed bid process. It has proven to be very cost-effective to have a company under contract to provide these services.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.

	ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT COMPANY FAIRFAX, IOWA FY 2012 / 2013 RATES	
	HOURLY RATE	
LABOR DESCRIPTION	STRAIGHT TIME	TIME & ONE-HALF
Working Foreman	\$30.65	\$44.13
Trimmer A	\$27.55	\$39.67
Trimmer B	\$26.51	\$38.17
Trimmer C	\$24.36	\$35.07
Trimmer D	\$22.92	\$33.00
Ground Person	\$20.33	\$29.28
Line Permitter	\$27.55	\$39.67
EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	RATE PER CREW HOUR	
Hydraulic aerial device	\$11.85	
Manual aerial device	\$11.85	
Chip truck	\$5.60	
Brush Tractor	\$31.83	
Truck&Trailer for Brush trac.	\$8.38	
Hydro Axe	\$46.35	
Truck&Trailer for Hydro Axe.	\$8.38	
Pick-up Truck	\$7.73	
Power saw	\$0.46	
Brush Chipper	\$4.19	
Hand pruning equip.	No Charge	
Ropes and body belts	No Charge	
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	BID PRICE	
Banvel CST per gal	\$33.50	
Garlon 4 per gal	\$37.00	
Tree Paint: Maintain A per case of 12 13 Oz.cans	\$43.00	
Other supplies Cost plus %	10%	