

ITEM # 27
DATE: 10-25-22

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: Resolution Assessing the Costs of Noxious Weeds Destruction

BACKGROUND:

Ames Municipal Code prohibits noxious weeds on all properties. The Inspection Division was made aware of, and confirmed, the presence of noxious weeds at 1521 Maxwell in May of 2022. Subsequently, an Order to Abate Nuisance was posted at the property on 5/25/22 with a compliance date of 6/15/22. The order also noticed the owner of the City's right to enter the property and abate the nuisance if not completed by 6/15/22.

The nuisance was not abated by the owner within the specified time. As a result, City staff destroyed the noxious weeds and mailed an invoice to the owner listed below for the costs of abatement. To date, the bill has not been paid. A certified notice of this hearing was mailed to the property owner.

Karen Gerber / 1521 Maxwell Avenue \$75
Noxious weeds destruction for property located at 1521 Maxwell Avenue
Work performed on July 6, 2022

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council could adopt a resolution to assess these costs to the property owner shown on the above list, instruct the Finance Director to prepare the spread sheet on the assessment, and direct the City Clerk's Office to file the assessment with the Story County Treasurer.
2. The City Council could choose not to certify these costs to the County Treasurer and, instead, absorb the costs.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept Alternative #1 and adopting a resolution assessing the costs of noxious weeds destruction to the property owner shown above. The resolution adopted will also instruct the Finance Director to prepare a spread sheet computing the costs and interest to be paid and direct the City Clerk's Office to file a copy of the resolution and spread sheet with the County Treasurer.