

ITEM #: 33
DATE: 09-24-24
DEPT: PW

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENTS FOR SNOW/ICE REMOVAL

BACKGROUND:

After a snowfall, abutting property owners have the responsibility of removing snow and ice accumulations from the sidewalks. According to the Municipal Code, owners shall remove these accumulations within 10 daylight hours after the storm has stopped. If, after that time, sidewalks remain uncleared, the City may remove accumulations and assess the actual cost of the removal to the property owner. This action is performed on a complaint basis. Once a complaint has been received, notice is given to the abutting property owner that the City will clear the sidewalks if the owner has not done so within 24 hours of that notice.

City staff removed snow and/or ice at the properties listed below. Also included in the list are the names and addresses of the property owners and the costs associated with the snow/ice removal. The work was completed, and the property owners were billed for the work. To date, the bills have not been paid. Courtesy notices of this hearing were sent by certified mail to the property owners, though some did not acknowledge their letter.

- Hung Mahn Tran \$396.00
 - 2809 147th St
 - Urbandale, IA 50323
 - Snow/ice removal for sidewalk abutting property located at 715 Grand Ave
Date of Service January 27, 2024

- McDonalds Real Estate Company \$354.00
 - PO Box 152766
 - Columbus, OH 43218
 - Snow/ice removal for property located at 3621 Lincoln Way
Date of Service January 27, 2024

- Flippin Ventures, LLC \$135.00
 - 2800 University Ave, Ste 134
 - West Des Moines, IA 50266
 - Snow/ice removal for sidewalk abutting property located at 803 Grand Ave
Date of Service January 25, 2024

- Loren Wilder \$248.00
 - 1226 Northwestern Ave
 - Ames, IA 50010
 - Snow/ice removal for sidewalk abutting property located at 1226 Northwestern Ave
Date of Service January 25, 2024

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt a resolution assessing the costs of the snow/ice removal to the property owners shown on the above list. The Finance Director will then prepare a spreadsheet on these assessments, and the City Clerk's Office will file the assessments with the Story County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes as provided for by the Code of Iowa.
2. Do not certify the costs to the County Treasurer and, instead, absorb the costs.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

These property owners failed to clear the sidewalks abutting their properties even after receiving notice to do so and have neglected to pay the costs incurred by the City in making the sidewalks safe for public use. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby assessing the costs of the snow/ice removal to the property owners shown above.