



Item: Contract Planting for Boulevard Trees
From: Park & Recreation Department
Initiated By: Todd Seymanski, City Forester
Presented By: Marty Basta, Park & Recreation Director
Action Requested: Consider Bids and Award Contract

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission award/deny a contract in the amount of \$135,998 to Forde Nursery, Inc. for the Contract Planting for Boulevard Trees project and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission award the contract for Planting Boulevard Trees to Forde Nursery, Inc. for the amount of \$135,998.

Background:

The Park & Recreation Department solicited bids to plant 592 boulevard trees to replace Green Ash trees killed by an early freeze in October of 2009. The “Advertisement for Bids” was published in the Great Falls Tribune on December 18, 2011 and January 1 and 8, 2012. The bid opening was scheduled for January 18, 2012. Three bids were received and Forde Nursery, Inc. submitted the low bid.

The referenced trees were part of the Forestry Division’s inventory, and therefore are covered by the City of Great Falls property insurance. The insurance will pay for removal, disposal and replacement of the Green Ash trees. Contract for the tree removal was awarded at the October 18, 2011 City Commission Meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

The attached bid tabulation summarizes bids that were received. This project will be funded through the City of Great Falls Property Insurance Carrier.

Alternatives:

The City Commission could vote to deny award of the contract.

Attachments/Exhibits:

1. Bid tabulation

