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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM



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Subject: Contract Amendment – Tree and Stump Maintenance Services

History

- On May 8, 2023, Troy City Council awarded a three (3) year contract with an option to renew for two (2) additional years with *J.H. Hart Urban Forestry of Sterling Heights, MI* for Tree and Stump Maintenance services. (Resolution 2023-05-079-J-4a)
- The current contract includes all labor, tools, equipment, and transportation for tree maintenance services.
- These services include preventative tree trimming maintenance, tree removal, storm damage removal, and tree stump removal.
- The addition of the Albach Diamant 2000 will be another tool in our tool box to safely address storm tree and debris removal.
- The Albach chipper has a self-feeding telescopic grapple, which safely and easily loads the side-mounted infeed. The large 6 knife drum makes quick work of all species of wood and has a chipping capacity of up to 40”.
- This service will be included in future bid opportunities as a line item.

Purchasing

J.H. Hart continues to satisfactorily provide tree and stump maintenance services meeting all contract requirements and expectations. It is in the City’s best interest to amend the contract to include the additional service tool for the remainder of the contract, at the proposed hourly rates, as detailed in the attached Forestry Contract Addendum; contract expiring June 30, 2028.

Financial

Funds are available in the various Grounds and Streets Division operating budgets.

Recommendation

City Management recommends amending the current contract with *J.H. Hart Urban Forestry of Sterling Heights, MI* to include the following line items:

- Albach Diamant 2000 and operator at \$600.00/hour during normal operating hours
- Albach Diamant 2000 and operator at \$630.00/hour during overtime hours
- Albach Diamant 2000 and operator at \$660.00/hour on Sundays or Holidays

“Storm Debris Disposal” Addendum to Forestry Contract

Occasionally, there are instances of significant weather events that impact the city. These events can create tree debris beyond the capacity of our traditional contract chippers and dump trucks. An additional subcontracted piece of equipment is available for these circumstances. The Albach Diamant 2000 can be subcontracted through Kappan Tree Service.

Pricing (includes both machine and operator):

- \$600/Hour for Regular Time.
- \$630/Hour for Overtime.
- \$660/Hour for Double Time.

In addition to the Albach machine, we offer JHHart semi-trucks with operator for \$150/Hour to ensure efficient disposal of debris.

A description, according to “Baileys” the western US dealer for the Albach Diamant 2000:

The Albach Diamant 2000 is unmatched in mobility and performance when it comes to whole tree chipping. The Diamant is highly mobile and can travel up to 45 mph, allowing for quick set up and breakdown situations. The Albach chipper has a self-feeding telescopic grapple, which easily loads the side mounted infeed. The large 6 knife drum makes quick work of all species of wood and has a chipping capacity of up to 40". The chipper also comes complete with a retractable wood screw to break down larger logs.

