



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Contract Award for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) \$354,661 Annual Cost
 MEETING DATE: September 17, 1997
 SUBMITTED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution awarding the contract for Tree Trimming (power line clearing) to the low bidder, Arbor Tree Surgery of Paso Robles, CA at an annual cost of \$354,661, (evaluated cost of \$170.51 per hour).

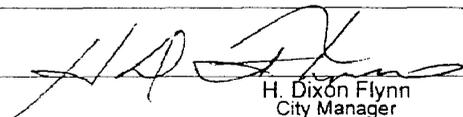
BACKGROUND: The Electric Utility Department has utilized a tree trimming contractor for its line clearing requirements since November 1988. The current contract was awarded by the City Council on June 2, 1993 for a one-year period with an option to extend yearly thereafter, at the City's sole discretion for a maximum of three additional years. The extension option was exhausted on June 30, 1997. To maintain continuity of the line clearing program, a new contract needs to be awarded. This contract, like the current one, has provisions for yearly extensions up to a maximum of three years.

This contract will provide the City with two three-person (backyard) crews for twelve months and one two-person (street) crew for twelve months, including vehicles, equipment and other expenses for the three crews. This level of activity represents an effort to maintain the 130+ circuit miles of overhead lines clear of growth in accordance with the new *Eighteen Inch Rule* mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission. Under this provision, the Electric Utility Department will seek council approval to extend the second climbing crew for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

The specifications for this contract were approved on June 4, 1997 with bid opening on August 27, 1997. The three bids received are shown below.

Bidder	First Backyard Crew	Second Backyard Crew	Street Crew	Evaluated Cost
Asplundh Tree Expert Rocklin, CA	62.81	62.81	54.82	180.44 per hour
Arbor Tree Surgery Paso Robles, CA	61.62	61.62	47.27	170.51 per hour
Davey Tree Surgery Co. Livermore, CA	71.52	71.52	62.26	205.30 per hour

Approved



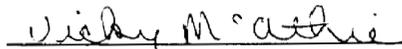
H. Dixon Flynn
City Manager

FUNDING: The estimated cost of this contract is \$354,661. The budgeted amount of \$379,300 is included in the Department's 1997-98 fiscal year budget. Funding for extensions of the contract will be budgeted on a year-to-year basis.



Alan N. Vallow
Electric Utility Director

Funding Approval:



Vicky McAthie
Finance Director

Prepared by Carl Lindstrom, Electric Utility Superintendent
ANV/CL/lst

cc: City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 97-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AWARDING
CONTRACT FOR TREE TRIMMING
(POWER LINE CLEARING)

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WHEREAS, in answer to notice duly published in accordance with law and the order of this City Council sealed bids were received and publicly opened on August 27, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing), described in the specifications therefore approved by the City Council on June 4, 1997; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been compared, checked, and tabulated and a report thereof filed with the City Manager as follows:

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WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends award of contract for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing), be made to the low bidder, Arbor Tree Surgery of Paso Robles, California; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that the award of the contract for the Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) be and the same is hereby awarded to the low bidder, Arbor Tree Surgery of Paso Robles, California in the annual amount of \$354,661.00.

Dated: September 17, 1997

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 97-143 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held September 17, 1997, by the following vote:

- AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -
- NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -
- ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS -
- ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk