



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution awarding the contract for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) to Arbor Tree Surgery (\$151,000) (EUD)

MEETING DATE: February 21, 2001

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution awarding the contract for the above project to Arbor Tree Surgery of Paso Robles, California at a cost of \$151,000 for the remainder of the 2000/2001 fiscal year (evaluated cost of \$211.25 per hour).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: 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 September 17, 1997 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 declined this past December in 2000. 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 seventeen months and one two-person (street) crew for seventeen 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.

The specifications for this contract were approved on January 17, 2001 with bid opening on February 7, 2001. The five bids received are shown below:

Bidder	First Backyard Crew	Second Backyard Crew	Street Crew	Evaluated Cost
Arbor Tree Surgery Paso Robles, CA	70.82	70.82	69.61	211.25 / hour
Trees Inc. Houston, TX	88.08	88.08	73.23	249.39 / hour
Provco Marysville, CA	95.16	95.16	80.98	271.30 / hour

APPROVED: *Randall A. Flynn*
 H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager



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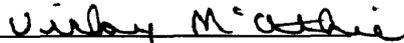
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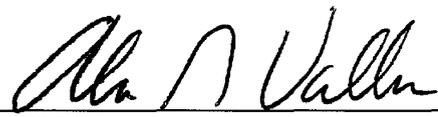
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Asplundh Tree Expert Stockton, CA	100.03	100.03	80.06	280.12
Davey Tree Surgery Co.	100.36	100.36	80.06	280.12

The estimated cost of this contract for the remainder of the 2000/01 fiscal year is \$151,000

FUNDING: The budgeted amount of \$220,658 remains in the Department's 2000/01 fiscal year budget. Funding for the 2001/02 fiscal year contract will be included in the proposed 2001/03 budget. Funding for extensions of the contract will be budgeted on a year-to-year basis.

Funding Approval:


Vicky McAthie, Finance Director


Alan N. Vallow
Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Carl Lindstrom, Electric Utility Superintendent
ANV/CL/1st

APPROVED: _____

H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-40

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

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 February 7, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) described in the specifications therefore approved by the City Council on January 17, 2001; 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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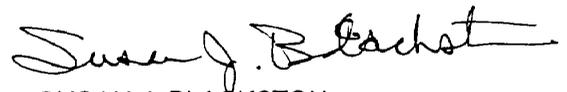
WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends award of the bid for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) be made to the low bidder, Arbor Tree Surgery, of Paso Robles, CA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that the award of the bid for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) be and the same is hereby awarded to Arbor Tree Surgery, of Paso Robles, CA, the low bidder, in the amount of \$151,000.00 for the remainder of the 2000/2001 fiscal year.

Dated: February 21, 2001

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-40 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held February 21, 2001, by the following vote:

- AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and Mayor Nakanishi
- NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
- ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
- ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


 SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
 City Clerk