

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

98-424

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

SUBJECT:

STUMP REMOVAL
SERVICES

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

SUBMITTED BY:

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On September 14, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-2912, Council adopted recommendations outlined in Council Communication No. 98-415 which provided, in part, for expending an estimated \$50,000 for tree stump removal in an effort to reduce the backlog of construction, maintenance, and repair yet this year. Bid specifications were sent to ten area tree removal companies with a sole bid being received from J C' s Services (Jay Coons, President, 1020 Southwold Road, Des Moines, Iowa) at a cost of \$5 per inch. This bid appears to be in the best interest of the City based on information obtained by the Public Works Department for this type of work. J C' s Services is capable and available to do the work and, therefore, is recommended.

FISCAL IMPACT —

An allocation of \$50,000 for stump removal services has been allocated to the Public Works Department' s Operating Budget.

RECOMMENDATION —

Award bid for stump removal services to the sole bidder, J C' s Services, at the bid price of \$5 per inch not to exceed \$50,000.

BACKGROUND —

Last fall' s snowstorms and this summer' s windstorms damaged or destroyed over 650 street trees. Approximately one-half of the trees have been cut down and the rest will be felled this fall and winter. Removal of the stumps and requisite restoration is required to clear the City' s parkings of the tree stumps.

Bid specifications for stump removal were sent to ten area tree removal companies and only one bid was received. Follow-up calls to the other nine companies revealed that three already had full workloads, two did not perform stump removal only, one was not willing to do the required restoration work, one does not carry the mandatory \$1 million insurance coverage, and two did not respond.

Inquiries by the Public Works Department determined that \$5 per inch for stump removal and restoration is competitive. Based on J C' s Services' availability to perform the work and acceptable bid, it is recommended they be awarded a contract for stump removal.