



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

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Agenda Item No. 40

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-597

Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving bids from TNT Landscaping for tree plantings in MacRae and Ewing Parks, (13 bids mailed, 2 received).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of TNT Landscaping (John Church, Owner, 131 S.W. Ordance Road, Ankeny, IA 50023) for tree planting contracts for MacRae and Ewing Parks. These tree plantings are a continuation of the first phase of a reforestation plan for six major City parks. The plan was a collaboration between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the City of Des Moines. It covers Ewing, MacRae, Greenwood, Grandview, Pioneer and Union Parks.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$46,780

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2007-08/2012-13, Park Improvements, Forestry Improvements, PKS146 CP040PKS990000, page 9.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A bid proposal for fall planting of 205 trees in MacRae Park and 155 trees in Ewing Park was sent to 13 landscape contractors. Of the 13 bids mailed, the City received two bids. Based upon the number of trees, species of trees and logistics involved in installation at each park, the Park and Recreation Department recommends awarding the contract for both parks to TNT Landscaping as the lowest compliant bidder for each. The awards are as follows:

- MacRae Park: 205 tree plantings for \$26,490
- Ewing Park: 155 tree plantings for \$20,290

These tree plantings are a continuation of the first phase of a reforestation plan for six major City parks. Tree plantings for Union, Greenwood, and Grandview Parks were completed last year. Staff is currently working on the second phase of the reforestation plan this fall with plantings scheduled for next year.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 10, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-678

Action: [Iowa](#) Outdoor Products for items 1 and 5 on bid tabulation form, \$46,800.71; TNT Landscaping for items 2 and 4 on bid tabulation form, \$63,300; Perficut Lawn & Landscape for item 3 on bid tabulation form, \$13,102.50; to be used at various City Park locations. (Twelve bids mailed, six received). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: September 12, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2225

Action: Professional Services Agreement with Prairie Wetlands, (Tre Wilson, Proprietor, DSM) for services associated with natural forest regeneration, \$7,920. ([Council Communication No. 05-492](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: April 26, 2005

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Park and Recreation Board voted to receive and file a reforestation report on six City parks.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval of contract(s) for phase 2 of the reforestation plan.