

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: 4.e

Title:

Recommendation to Reject All Bids for Electric Line Clearance/Tree Trimming Services

Presenter:

Tom Bruhl

Meeting: Government Services Committee

Date: April 24, 2017

Proposed Cost: NA

Budgeted Amount: NA

Not Budgeted: ☐**Executive Summary** (*if not budgeted please explain*):

The Purchasing Division under the Finance Department went out for bids for Electric Line Clearance Tree Trimming and received one bid. The one bid received did not provide lump sum prices for the pole lines we need trimmed, and the submitted T&M prices were approximately double the FY17 bid prices.

Following a successful bidding strategy deployed by Naperville, the City of St. Charles modified our tree trimming bid to a lump sum type per circuit instead of a T&M hourly rate bid. Such would require bidders to field review the pole lines, using the provided maps, and determine a lump sum cost to trim to clearance standards. By changing to lump sum, Staff would only inspect the final product for compliance instead of managing work effort on a daily basis. This change to the bid structure obviously caused some confusion for the bidders. T&M rates were requested as part of the bid for storm or additional work, and were not intended to be the basis for the award. City Staff is going to revise the specification to provide better clarification as to what we are expecting from the Bidders, rebid the work, and insure ample time is available for the bidders to field review the pole lines.

Attachments (*please list*):

* None

Recommendation/Suggested Action (*briefly explain*):

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