

August 26, 2020

A special session of the Council of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00pm by phone/web and in person at City Hall to review contracts for debris removal and monitoring to assist with derecho clean up efforts. Mayor David Hunt presided at the meeting. Council members in attendance were Steven Carpenter, Kim Morahan, Bill Mulholland, Chris Price, and Margy Wilson.

Debris clean up, including removal of hanging limbs and leaners, as well as proper monitoring to meet federal reimbursement guidelines, is a large undertaking and one that may best be achieved with assistance from a third party.

Mayor Hunt has reached out to several contractors, for estimates in these efforts. One company provided a lump sum amount of \$240,000, with no detail explaining the charges. He did receive a bid from Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC with a detailed listing of charges and would include monitoring to meet federal requirements. Fees are based on cubic yardage removed, and City Attorney had no concerns with contract terms.

City needs to determine location for debris. Options are:

- Ely Street lot (current location for debris)
- City Park, in open area by the old ball diamond
- High Point, though hills make this less than ideal
- County or Marion disposal sites (if they would allow it, and we could still keep track of final disposal for IDNR)

Price to research options.

Consensus from Council is to enter into a contract with a third party but need to ensure we follow protocol in order to ensure we follow FEMA guidelines in order to get reimbursed. We will need to draft RFP and send out for additional bids.

Price made motion to grant Steve Carpenter the authority to draft a request for proposal for debris removal, obtain approval from legal counsel, and then to let the RFP with bid closing date of September 1, 2020. MSB Morahan. None opposed or abstained, motion carried.

Price made motion to grant Steve Carpenter the authority to draft a request for proposal for debris monitoring (if necessary depending on feedback from EMA), obtain approval from legal counsel, and then to let the RFP with bid closing date of September 1, 2020. MSB Morahan. None opposed or abstained, motion carried.

City employees and Price to identify dangerous hanging limbs and leaners for immediate removal. Carpenter made motion to authorize Mayor Hunt to enter into agreement with Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC, under emergency circumstances to remove leaners and hangers from city right of way per ATTACHMENT 2-DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL & DISPOSAL SERVICES PRICE PROPOSAL FORM from their debris removal contract submitted 8/24/2020. MSB Price. None opposed or abstained, motion carried.

Hunt made an official request Friday 8/21/2020 to be declared in the disaster proclamation.

City workers will continue with debris removal until contract is in place with third party. Rock needs to be brought in and culvert installed to allow access to the back of the Ely Street lot for additional debris.

United Way is willing to send additional volunteers to help in the area. Morahan to reach out to them to request assistance for residents in need.

Price made motion to adjourn. MSB Mulholland. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Lisa Berry
Clerk