

**September 9, 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 bids 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, and Margy Wilson. Council member absent was Chris Price.

Two bids were received for Bid# 01-2020 Tree Debris Collection and Disposal:

Custom Tree Care, Inc  
T.F.R. Enterprises, Inc

Council reviewed both bids comparing pricing and coverage and selected the bid with the best value.

Wilson made motion to tentatively approve and accept the bid from Custom Tree Care, Inc., pending final review and approval by City Attorney. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Wilson, Morahan. Nays: Mulholland, Price (absent). **Resolution R-17-2020** accepting bid and authorizing award of contract for tree debris collection and removal passed. WHEREAS, notice to bidders has been duly given as required by law for TREE DEBRIS COLLECTION AND REMOVAL, for the City of Bertram; and WHEREAS there has been filed with the City Clerk in response to the published notice two bid proposals; and WHEREAS the bid from Custom Tree Care, Inc., is the best and lowest responsible bid for the designated project. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Bertram, Iowa, that the bid from Custom Tree Care, Inc., is hereby accepted, and the contract is now awarded subject to final review and approval of the City Attorney. The Mayor and Clerk of the City of Bertram, Iowa, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract with the contractor for debris collection and removal.

For debris monitoring, the State of Iowa has a contract in place with Thompson Consulting Services, LLC, that is available for local districts to use. Bertram has been placed on the list to utilize these services. Wilson made motion to utilize the state contract for debris monitoring with Thompson Consulting Services, LLC, pending City review and approval through EMA. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Wilson, Carpenter, Mulholland, Morahan. Nays: Price (Absent). **Resolution R-18-2020** to utilize the state contract for debris monitoring is passed. WHEREAS, the City of Bertram is in need of services to closely monitor tree debris removal in order to meet FEMA requirements for reimbursement; and WHEREAS the State of Iowa has an existing contract with Thompson Consulting Services, LLC, to conduct these monitoring activities that has been extended for use by local districts. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Bertram, Iowa, that the state contract for debris monitoring with Thompson Consulting Services, LLC, be utilized to meet FEMA reimbursement requirements. The Mayor and Clerk of the City of Bertram, Iowa, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract with the contractor for debris monitoring.

The following repairs to City property were also discussed:

- A structural engineer will need to assess the damages to city hall and attached shop. Mulholland to try to get estimates from at least three engineers.
- City Hall will need a new roof which will, most likely, require RFB. A new roof is also required at the pumphouse. Carpenter to work on getting rough estimates of what these repairs will cost.
- Damages to tennis court and surrounding fencing will be addressed spring of 2021.
- Pavilion at City Park need to be removed. Wilson to work on estimates to demolish and, eventually, rebuild.
- Siding at pumphouse needs to be replaced. Carpenter to look at replacement options (vinyl, steel, fiber cement, etc) and estimated costs.
- All council members are encouraged to reach out to the community to see if there are any other ideas for updates to any of these structures.
- Park closed signage will be posted at both parks until debris is removed.

Property owners at 200 Angle Street are going to sell the lot and have offered to pay the City \$2,500.00. Council to discuss options in closed session due to open litigation. Mulholland made motion to close the open meeting and enter into closed session. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Wilson, Carpenter, Mulholland, Morahan. Nays: Price (Absent). Open meeting closed at 8:03pm.

Wilson made motion to move out of closed session. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, meeting reopened to the public at 8:25pm.

Wilson made motion to decline the offer of \$2,500.00 from property owners at 200 Angle Street. MSB Morahan. Opposed: Price (Absent). Offer rejected.

Wilson made motion to adjourn. MSB Morahan. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

*Lisa Berry, Clerk*