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Mayor Jacque and Members of the Dyersville City Council  
City of Dyersville  
Memorial Building  
340 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East  
Dyersville, IA 52040

RE: Recommendation for Snow Removal Contracts—FY 26 Budget

Dear Honorable Mayor Jacque and Council Members,

I am recommending that the City of Dyersville enter into contracts for snow removal services for the upcoming winter season, specifically with Rick's Lawn Mowing for Areas 1 and 2, and J & J Lawn Care for Area 3. This recommendation is based on a thorough review of the proposals received, the scope of work outlined in our Request for Proposals, and the comparison of quotes for the 2025–26 season.

The total budget impact for these services on the FY26 budget will be \$69,141, representing an increase of \$12,079.50 compared to the previous quotes from 2023. This change is due to two main factors. First, inflation has increased costs for labor, equipment, and materials, as reflected in the updated pricing from both contractors. Second, the scope of work has expanded to include additional municipal-owned parking lots, sidewalks, and trails, as well as more frequent clearing for high-traffic areas and public facilities. These improvements are meant to keep our public spaces safe and accessible during heavy snowfall and community events.

Rick's Lawn Mowing proposed a seasonal price of \$20,676 for Area 1 and \$9,840 for Area 2, with additional charges applied on event days following 32 inches of snowfall. J & J Lawn Care's quote for Area 3 is \$38,625 for the season, with similar policies for event-day clearing. Both contractors have demonstrated an understanding of the city's needs, including the prompt clearing of priority sidewalks and parking lots, adherence to safety standards, and the provision of appropriate insurance coverage.

Contracts with Rick's Lawn Mowing and J & J Lawn Care will provide complete coverage for all designated areas, with pricing reflecting current market conditions and the city's expanded needs. I believe this plan offers the best value and reliability for Dyersville.

If approved, contracts will be executed in accordance with the attached resolutions. Please contact me if you need more details or wish to discuss any part of this recommendation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick J. Michel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mick J. Michel,  
City Administrator