



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, August 23, 2022
Category:	AWARD OF BIDS
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Authorization to Purchase Trees for Parks Department as part of 2021 Preparing for EAB Grant
Background Information:	<p>As Emerald Ash Borer continues to get closer to Marshall and it's potentially devastating change to the landscape of Marshall, the city needs to be prepared for the potential costs associated with removing Ash Trees as well as continue to plant new trees to allow them time to grow before EAB get to Marshall, helping us diversify our trees species and populations.</p> <p>In the fall of 2021, a grant was received thru the MN DNR to provide \$93,390 in funding to be used for removing Ash trees in our parks and replacing each Ash tree with 2 new trees. The first step of this grant we removed 113 ash trees from the parks Independence, Legion Field, Victory, Freedom, and Channel Parkway Softball Complex.</p> <p>The next step to fulfill this grant is to purchase and plant 226 new trees in these parks this fall. 4 vendors were offered the opportunity to bid providing these trees and 2 bids were received.</p> <p>This grant requires a 25% match via cash match (\$15,090) and/or in-kind match (\$8,960) bringing the total project to \$117,440.00 and the City's contribution to \$24,050. The project deadline for completion is June 30, 2023.</p> <p>All expenses for the project will need to be paid by the city and then reimbursed by the MN DNR.</p> <p>Total cost to purchase these 226 trees is \$49,960.00 from Greenwood Nursery including a 2-year warranty. Parks staff will plant, mulch, fertilize, and water the trees as part of our in-kind match.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	\$49,960.00 is current total cost per attached bids. This will be paid out of Parks Department Budget 101-45200-53425 and the city being reimbursed by MN DNR according to the grant agreement.
Alternative/Variations:	N/A
Recommendations:	Authorization to purchase 226 new trees for the Parks Department as part of the MN DNR 2021 Preparing for EAB Grant from Greenwood Nursery.