

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER - AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

Agenda Item: Agreement for Annual Contracted Mowing Services

Requested & Presented by: Darcy Perkins, MSS

Meeting Date: Common Council on 03-30-2026

Committee Review: Public Works Committee on 03-19-2026 – Discussion included transparency regarding the selected contractor’s familial relationship to the Assistant Director of Public Works; the Committee acknowledged the relationship and supported the competitive bid process. *Motion by Schultz to support entering into a 2026 Contracted Mowing Services Agreement with the lowest responsible bidder, Gary’s Lawn Care LLC, and to forward the item to the Common Council for consideration. Seconded by Walters. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote*

Background: Due to seasonal staffing constraints in 2025, the City utilized contracted mowing services on a week-to-week basis for select municipal properties. This approach proved effective in maintaining service levels while allowing Public Works staff to prioritize other operational demands. Based on last season’s success, staff recommend continuing contracted mowing services for the 2026 season via a full-season agreement. The agreement will allow the City to maintain mowing standards while managing staff workload and seasonal labor availability.

Pursuant to Section 3 of the City’s Financial Policy, expenditures specifically budgeted in the current year and exceeding \$3,000 may be procured through the City’s quote process and placed on the Council agenda for action once bids are received. A Request for Bids was published on the City website, promoted on Facebook, and distributed to known contractors to solicit competitive responses. Seven (7) responses were received:

Vendor	Option A (Airport, RC Cemetery, Bowen’s Cemetery & Kayak Landing, Lion’s Park, Dog Park)	Option B (Airport + RC Cemetery)
Babb Lawn Care & Grounds Management	\$92,870.00	\$79,610.00
BF Lawn Care LLC	\$92,506.05	\$97,174.35
Gary’s Lawn Care LLC	\$46,200.00	\$29,040.00
Green Grass Lawncare LLC	\$85,450.00	\$74,700.00
KW Lawn Care	\$236,300.00	\$209,000.00
The Lawn Care Co.	\$67,680.00	\$42,720.00
PineCrest Landscaping and Yard Services	\$46,607.00	\$38,400.00

Department Recommendation: Staff recommend execution of a 2026 Contracted Mowing Services Agreement with the lowest responsible bidder, Gary’s Lawn Care LLC.

Financial Impact: Final contract costs will depend on the locations included in the agreement.

Funding Source: Budgeted Expenditure; Public Works Part-Time Pay: 10-55300-020 & 10-54200-020

Requested Action:

COUNCIL: Motion to approve execution of a 2026 Contracted Mowing Services Agreement with the lowest responsible bidder, Gary’s Lawn Care LLC.

Attachment(s):

- 2026 PW Contracted Mowing Bid Request
- Babb Lawn Care & Grounds Management Proposal(s)
- BF Lawn Care LLC Proposal(s)
- Gary’s Lawn Care Proposal(s)
- Green Grass Lawncare LLC Proposal(s)
- KW Lawn Care Proposal(s)
- The Lawn Care Co. Proposal(s)
- PineCrest Landscaping and Yard Services Proposal(s)