



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Type: Council - Regular

Meeting Date: February 20, 2025

Agenda Item Type: Old Business

Staff Contact: Brandon Perkins, Town Manager

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration to approve staff to move forward with preparing an RFP for tree removal services on the earthen dam at Shamrock Park.

BACKGROUND:

The Town was recently notified by engineers David Jaeger of Mallet Consulting and Tyler Coats from Schnabel Engineering that the trees along the southeast side of the earthen dam at Shamrock Park should be removed as they undermine the integrity of the structure. While this is not a State regulated dam, a failure could result in property damage downstream, including to the CSX railroad, which is a major liability for the Town. The liability concern was noted by Mr. Davenport, who also suggested that the trees should be removed to mitigate the Town's future exposure.

Staff presented this item to Council on January 16, 2025 and was directed to obtain cost estimates for the tree removal. Mr. Langford obtained said estimate (attached) and staff presented it to Council on February 6, 2025 and asked for approval to move forward with an RFP for this project. One council member was absent and another voted against the measure, so the item failed. At Mr. Hunter's request, this item is being revisited on February 20, 2025.

If approved, staff will draft and issue an RFP for this project. Bids will be presented to Council for final approval before moving forward with the final project.

FUNDING:

The purpose of this measure is to obtain quotes from qualified tree removal firms. Mr. Langford estimates that this job will cost approximately \$166,680.00, which would be funded from the 2023 SPLOST Dams Line Item, if a vendor is selected and approved.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to move forward with an RFP for this project.

ATTACHMENTS:

-September 12, 2024 email from Tyler Coats; Tree removal cost estimate from Mr. Langford.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS:

January 16, 2025 and February 6, 2025.