



**MEETING OF MAY 2, 2023**

**TO:** Mayor Jordan and City Council  
**THRU:** Susan Norton, Chief of Staff  
**FROM:** Tim Nyander, Utilities Director  
**DATE:**  
**SUBJECT:** **Walter Woodward Water Damage Claim**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of a joint payment to Walter Woodward & Arkansas Outdoor Professionals LLC in the amount of \$14,870.00 and a joint payment to Walter Woodward & Mr. Handyman of Bentonville, Rogers and Springdale in the amount of \$3,572.22 for a water damage claim arising at 185 North Hartman Drive.

**BACKGROUND:**

On September 20, 2021, the City of Fayetteville experienced a large 16-inch diameter water main break near W Pratt Drive and W Hotz Drive. Walter Woodward owns the home located at 185 N Hartman Drive. This large water main break caused substantial amounts of flooding and damage to the Woodward residence. Mr. Woodward's insurance has denied liability for the damages. Mr. Woodward filed a damage claim with the City after the incident.

**DISCUSSION:**

The landscaping in the yard was washed away. The stone steps, retaining wall fencing and drainage system needed to be repaired, as well as reseeding the lawn. Arkansas Outdoor Professionals LLC of Farmington was the lowest of 3 bids at \$14,870 to perform the repairs.

There was also damaged wall insulation to be replaced, and drywall repair and repainting. Mr Handyman of Pea Ridge was the lowest of 3 bids at \$3,572.22

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This item was presented to the Water, Sewer & Solid Waste Committee on April 11, 2023 meeting, with a 4-0 vote to forward it to the full council with a recommendation for approval.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

Funds are available in the Self Insurance - Non-Vehicle Damage account within the Water & Sewer fund.

**ATTACHMENTS:** SRF Walter Woodward Water Damage Claim, Quotes

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