# FAYETTEVILLE ARKANSAS

# **CITY COUNCIL MEMO**

2023-1167

# **MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023**

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

**THRU:** Terry Gulley, Asst Public Works Director - Ops

Chris Brown, Public Works Director

Susan Norton, Chief of Staff

**FROM:** Byron Humphry, Parks Maintenance Superintendent

DATE:

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Amendment #2 with Titan Lawn and Landscape, LLC to

increase payments to the contractor in the 2024 renewal period by 4.5% with any

future annual renewals increased by 3%.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of contract amendment #2 with Titan Lawn and Landscape, LLC to increase payments to the contractor in the 2024 renewal period by 4.5% with any future annual renewals increased by 3%.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On May 3, 2022, City Council approved resolution 94-22 to award RFP 22-03 and authorized a contract with Titan Lawn & Landscape LLC for mowing services for Park and Public ROW areas. The contract also provided hourly rates for Landscape Maintenance, Drainage, and Irrigation services.

On March 21, 2023, City Council approved resolution 78-23 to approve Amendment #1 to provide a trash removal service scope in order to remove trash from unsanctioned camps.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Since the original contract was approved, the contractor has utilized the original pricing for 2022 and 2023 with no increase. With rising costs due to inflation and expenses, the contractor has asked for a 4.5% increase to the contract in 2024 and a 3% increase for subsequent annual renewal periods.

The contractor has performed quality and timely work since the inception of the contract. They have also been utilized by several other departments within the City to offset staff labor for mowing and other services. In addition, the City also amended the original contract in order to add a trash removal scope for unsanctioned camp cleanups, which the contractor has done an excellent job.

The City has received excellent service from the contractor and the request in price is understandable and reasonable given the current inflation and state of the economy and work force shortage. This price increase is needed to maintain the contract and the services provided to multiple departments.

# **BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

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The current pricing in the contract with Titan Lawn & Landscape, LLC is:

Landscape Maintenance \$45/hr
Mowing \$35/hr
Drainage \$45/hr
Irrigation \$45/hr
Trash Cleanup (Amendment #1) \$67.50/hr

These prices will increase by 4.5% in 2024 and 3% each year for any subsequent annual approvals. Each department that utilizes the contract budgets for this expense in their annual operating budget. These price increases will be subject to City Council approval of the annual budget.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), Titan Lawn & Landscape Amendment #2 (#4)