

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2022-401 for a Contractor Agreement with Simpson Lawn Care, Inc for Bid Packet 2022-06, On-Call Nuisance Lot Mowing Services.

MEETING DATE

May 16, 2022

REVIEWED BY

Director of Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services – Troy Bolander, Director of Finance – Leslie Haase, City Attorney – Peter Edwards, City Manager – Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY

This Council Bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Simpson Lawn Care, Inc. for the mowing of private nuisance lots with grass and/or weeds over 12”.

BACKGROUND

By ordinance, property owners are to maintain their lots to ensure grass/weeds do not grow over 12”. Property owners receive notice from the City to cut their lots within a certain period of time. If the property owners do not comply, the Neighborhood Improvement Officers (Code Enforcement Officers) will issue a request to mow to Public Works-Operations to abate the nuisance. Afterwards, the Finance Department will bill the property owner for the abatement and place the charge against the property until such time that the charge is paid. Due to current personnel shortages, Public Works does not have the capacity to maintain City properties and abate nuisance lots. Nuisance violations have averaged from 500 to 700 mow requests per season. Therefore, in accordance with the City of Joplin’s procurement policies, a request for bid proposal (RFP) was advertised in the Joplin Globe on April 12, 2022. This RFP requested contractors to submit a base price that includes labor and equipment based on the size of lots. One bid was received from Simpson Lawn Care, Inc. of Webb City, Missouri. The rates per lot submitted by Simpson have been reviewed by City staff and have been deemed reasonable for this type of work. City staff has deemed Simpson to be competent and capable of providing the labor and equipment to perform the services as detailed in the RFP. The agreement is effective through November 15, 2022.

FUNDING SOURCE

Mowing costs plus administrative fees will be billed to the property owners.

RECOMMENDATION.

Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2022-401, Contractor Agreement with Simpson Lawn Care, Inc. for RFP 2022-06, On-Call Nuisance Lot Mowing Service on an emergency basis, in that said ordinance provides for public safety and is considered to be an emergency per section 2.12(1) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

ATTACHMENTS

Council Bill 2022-401; Agreement; Bid Proposal