

CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Council Bill 2023-267 for a Contractor Agreement with Simpson Lawn Care, Inc. for Bid Packet On-Call Nuisance Lot Mowing Service.

MEETING DATE

April 17, 2023

REVIEWED BY

Director of Planning Development and Neighborhood Services - Troy Bolander, Director of Finance – Leslie Haase, City Attorney – Peter Edwards, Assistant City Manager – Tony Robyn, 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 will issue a request to mow to abate the nuisance. Once the abatement is completed, the Finance Department will bill the property owner for the abatement and place the charge against the property until such time the charge is paid. Due to current personnel shortages, the city does not have the capacity to abate nuisance lots. Last year we processed just over 400 abatements for mowing violations. Therefore, in accordance with the City of Joplin’s procurement policies, a request for bid was advertised in the Joplin Globe on February 28, 2023. This bid requested contractors to submit a base price that includes labor and equipment based on the size of the lots.

FUNDING SOURCE

Mowing costs plus administrative fees

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2023-267, Contractor Agreement with Simpson Lawn Care Inc. for 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.