



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2022
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AGENDA ITEM: Accepting Proposals for Treatment and Removal of Ash Trees

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:
None.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to accept proposal from Rainbow Treecare to treat public ash trees.
Motion to accept proposal from YTS Companies, LLC. to remove public ash trees and stumps.

COMMENTS:

In 2021, the City of Maple Grove started treating and removing public ash trees in residential neighborhoods in response to EAB. A total of 1986 public ash trees were treated and 134 were removed in the northern city limits meaning over 90 percent of the ash trees in this area are protected and will remain part of the urban forest. Treatment is recommended every other year so the ones that were treated in 2021 will be on the schedule again in 2023.

This year, contractors will start treating and removing public ash trees in the southern part of the city. While the desire is to treat as many trees as possible, it can be assumed that a small percentage of trees will have to be removed due to condition or being located in an area that creates a hazard.

The proposals for treatment and removal include a cost per tree based on size. The estimated cost for treatment and removals this year is \$300,000.

Work completed by these contractors will be in addition to and supplement the work of the public works staff. The acceptance of these proposals is subject to adequate liability insurance from both tree firms that will be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

It is recommended that Council accept proposals from Rainbow Treecare for treatment of trees and YTS Companies, LLC. for tree removal, stump grinding, and restoration.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Rainbow Treecare Tree Treatment Proposal
Attachment B: YTS Companies, LLC. Tree Removal Proposal

