

Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Krista Billerbeck , Natural resources manager

DATE: January 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Accept quotes from Tree Trust Landscape Services for the removal of trees on public property

ITEM NUMBER: 9.h

SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To accept the base and alternate quotes from Tree Trust Landscape Services in the total amount of \$99,061 for the removal of trees on public property.

INTRODUCTION

Staff solicited quotes for boulevard ash tree removals as part of the 2025 tree removal budget and is recommending the city council accept the low quote.

DISCUSSION

High levels of ash tree removals are needed to continue to remove dead and dying trees that are being killed by the non-native, invasive emerald ash borer (EAB) beetle. EAB kills the tree by eating the layer of the tree underneath the bark which prevents the movement of nutrients and water necessary for survival. Shoreview is heavily infested with EAB and tree mortality is high. The only options for ash trees are treatment or removal. The city and residents treat many ash trees with an insecticide trunk injection, but the remaining untreated ash trees are in need of removal.

Staff solicited quotes for tree removal services for a base quote and an alternate quote. The base quote is for the tree removal, stump grinding, and ground restoration of approximately 90 boulevard trees throughout the city that were identified using the ash condition inventory updated last summer. Ash removals have been taking place according to priority level of the condition of the tree. The alternate quote is for the tree removal, stump grinding, and ground restoration of approximately 20 additional trees. Staff included an allowance of up to \$5,000 for traffic control which is reflected in the quote totals. The quotes received are summarized in the table below:

Company	Quote Total (Base + alternate)
Tree Trust Landscape Services	\$99,061
Davey Tree Expert Company	\$183,740

Upper Cut Tree Service	\$126,584.75
Rivard Companies	\$102,107
Northeast Tree Inc	\$109,180
Precision Landscape & Tree	\$140,109
Hugo Tree Care	\$108,857.25
Andover Tree Care	\$154,944

Tree Trust Landscape Services submitted the low quotes for the project for a total of \$99,061. The quote total is less than the tree removal budget for 2025 planned for ash tree removals. Tree Trust has not done tree removal work with Shoreview before but has worked with other cities such as Roseville and Apple Valley.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the city council accept the base and alternate quotes from Tree Trust Landscape Services in the amount of \$99,061 for the removal of trees on public property.

ATTACHMENTS