Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	May 26, 2026	**Staff Contact:**	Jaycob Kirkpatrick, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events
Item Number:	2026-869-AR	**Phone:**	817.598.4248

SUBJECT: Consider approval of a General Services contract (Bid #2026-009) with I&E Services Inc. for mowing and landscaping City properties in the amount of $299,100.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Staff is requesting City Council approval to award the City's mowing services contract to I&E Services, Inc. This item is being brought back to Council following the City's decision to terminate the existing contract with Reeder Industries due to unsatisfactory performance. Reeder Industries has not been able to maintain the required mowing schedule and has not demonstrated the level of quality expected by the City. As a result, staff is recommending that I&E Services, Inc. assume the mowing contract for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

By utilizing contract labor for recurring mowing services, Parks staff can devote more time to essential operational duties such as athletic field preparation, landscape bed maintenance, tree care, playground inspections and repairs, irrigation system upkeep, and general park inspections. This approach helps ensure that all areas of the park system are maintained in a safe and timely manner while continuing to provide a high level of service to the community.

The mowing frequency included in this contract varies depending on the type and location of each property. Parks and City facilities with irrigation systems will be maintained on a seven-day mowing cycle. Other City properties without irrigation, such as utility sites and green spaces, will be maintained on a fourteen-day or monthly cycle depending on the location and maintenance needs. The contract also includes City right-of-way mowing sites, allowing the City to manage mowing operations through a single contractor for improved efficiency and coordination.

The bid specifications for this contract were publicly advertised and competitively bid through a sealed bid process in accordance with City purchasing requirements. The City received a total of seven bids. Staff is requesting approval to utilize I&E Services, Inc. because the next two lowest bidders did not pass reference checks and were deemed unsuitable to perform the work. Although this will be the first time the City has contracted with I&E Services, Inc., staff conducted due diligence by reviewing references from other nearby municipalities currently using the company for similar services. All references were highly favorable.

Staff also met directly with I&E Services, Inc. to discuss the issues experienced under the current contract and to clearly communicate the City's expectations regarding schedule adherence, responsiveness, and quality of work. Based on these discussions and reference checks, staff is confident that I&E Services, Inc. has the capability and resources necessary to meet the City's requirements.

Staff recommends approval of the mowing services contract with I&E Services, Inc. in the amount of $299,100. This approval will be for the remainder of the current eight-month agreement, with the City retaining the option for

three additional renewal periods as originally bid. Approval of this item will ensure continuity of mowing services across City parks, facilities, and rights-of-way for the balance of the fiscal year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds are available for this item in the approved FY26 Operating Budget. Being that this is an 8-month contract and funds have already been spent with the previous contractor, only $176,000 will be charged to FY26.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends approval to hire I&E Services Inc. for City mowing and landscape services.

ATTACHMENTS

- Mowing Bid- 2026 I&E Services