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To: Mayor James Gitz

From: Community Development Director Alexander S. Mills

Re: 2017 Mowing Bids

On April 12th the Community Development Department held a bid opening for 2017 mowing services for properties in violation in of the City of Freeport Codified Ordinances Chapter 694 -- Weeds and Grass. The two (2) bids received were submitted by Midwest Property Preservation and by T & L Preservation Services. The apparent low bid received was by Midwest Property Preservation at \$12 per hour, per person. The bid from T & L Preservation Services was for \$15 per hour, per person. A third bid was received on April 13th from L & L Lawn and Maintenance LLC of Davenport, Iowa for \$19.32 per hour, per person and was postmarked and addressed properly, but delivered late due to an error by the U.S. Postal Service.

This low bid by Midwest Property Preservation had three minor irregularities: no summary of experience was provided, the proof of insurance submitted did not list the City of Freeport as certificate holder, and two of the three references appeared to be different individuals at the same company. The bids provided by T & L and L & L had no irregularities.

In checking references for Midwest Property Preservation, one individual stated that the worked performed by Midwest Property Preservation was for a government agency, was time-sensitive and was consistently performed late, and that they would not be contracting with the company again. The other reference, also at the same company, did not have any recollection of interacting with Midwest Property Preservation. Two attempts were made to contact the third reference, but they did not return the calls. Regarding references, T & L Preservation Services was the low and awarded bidder for 2016 and as such staff is familiar with the quality of their work and did not find it necessary to contact the provided references. References for L & L were not checked.

At this time I am recommending award to T & L Preservation Services as the primary contractor for mowing services to be performed at \$15 per hour, per person.

BID TABULATION FORM

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MOWING OF PROPERTIES WITH TALL GRASS AND WEEDS
2017**

Name of Bidder	Bid Amount per man per hour	Completed Bid Form?	Three references included?	Summary of experience attached?	List of equipment attached?	Number of people employed attached?	Proof of insurance attached?	EEO / Non-Barred / Non-Segregated Workplace Certifications	Responsive bid?
Midwest Property Preservation	\$12.00	X	X	No	X	X	X	X	Yes
T & L Preservation Services, LLC	\$15.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Yes
L & L Lawn and Maintenance, LLC	\$19.32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Yes*, late due to USPS error