

# CITY OF BATAVIA

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**DATE:** March 9, 2011  
**TO:** Public Utilities Committee  
**FROM:** Steve Lusted, Manager of Electric Operations  
**SUBJECT:** 2011 TREE TRIMMING CONTRACT/BID RESULTS – RESOLUTION 11-23-R

## **Summary**

Enter into agreement with Asplundh Tree Expert Company for the 2011 Batavia Municipal Electric Utility Annual Tree Trimming Contract

## **Background**

This years' bid for electrical line clearance is for the entire east section of the City, including our fiber optic cables and provisions for 138kV transmission line in case trimming is necessary. Our intention is to conduct line clearance on one- half of the City every other year. Staff believes that this bi-yearly trimming will keep the lines clear, safe, have less of a visual impact on our customers and increase our system reliability. Our process has greatly reduced the number of outages caused by tree contact with the power lines.

Bid packets were distributed to six companies. We received three back, the rest were either “No Response” or “No Bid”. We requested each bidder supply us with hourly wages for a manual crew (for rear lot power lines) and a bucket crew. Bidders were also to supply us with equipment used, and the pricing per hour.

The lowest bidder, P & M Tree Service did not complete the Bid Package as required, specifically the Bid Bond.

We will conduct our Tree Trimming contract under the premises of maintenance work: trimming trees from existing power lines and removal of trees, if needed, due to the compromised integrity of the tree on a case-by-case basis.

Comparisons using the attached table – total cost per hour – Asplundh is the lowest and only bidder. Asplundh completed our 2010 Tree Trimming Contract with satisfactory results. We have allocated \$150,000 in the 2011 Budget for tree trimming (21-64-6294). Comparisons between bids from 2010 and 2011 show only a slight increase in wages. Therefore, I am comfortable with the bid received from Asplundh.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

Award the 2011 Tree Trimming Contract to Asplundh Tree Expert Company as Resolution 11-23-R.

## **Recommended Committee Action:**

Motion to City Council for approval of Resolution #11-23-R, 2011 Tree Trimming Contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Company

## **Required Action by City Council:**

Approval of Resolution #11-23-R, 2011 Tree Trimming Contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Company

C: Mayor Schielke  
Bill McGrath  
Bob Rogde

Public Utilities Committee-Jeanette Armbrust  
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**CITY OF BATAVIA  
RESOLUTION 11-23-R**

**APPROVING CONTRACT WITH ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO.  
FOR 2011 TREE TRIMMING**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Batavia is in need of conducting tree trimming and line clearance following the project description as outlined in the City of Batavia Municipal Electric Utility 2011 Tree Trimming Contract.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary, at this time, to secure a contractor to perform work as described in the above contract and follow the City of Batavia Arboricultural Specifications Manual and the Batavia Municipal Electric Utility Line Clearance Tree Pruning Specification, performing work in a specified time and cost and

**WHEREAS**, bids were sought and received from qualified companies and following bid review, it was determined that Asplundh Tree Expert Co. has submitted the lowest responsible bid, and further, that Asplundh Tree Expert Co. has the experience and qualifications necessary to provide the work in a satisfactory and safe manner; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of Batavia that the bid from Asplundh Tree Expert Co. be accepted, and a Contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Co. be executed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Batavia, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into the Contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Co. for Tree Trimming in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 – said Contract being attached hereto as Exhibit #1.

**PRESENTED** to the City Council of the City of Batavia, Illinois, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Batavia, Illinois, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

CITY OF BATAVIA RESOLUTION 11-23-R

**APPROVED** by me as Mayor of said City of Batavia, Illinois, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

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Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor

Ward	Aldermen	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain	Aldermen	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
1	O'Brien					Sparks				
2	Dietz					Wolff				
3	Jungels					Chanzit				
4	Volk					Schmitz				
5	Frydendall					Thelin Atac				
6	Liva					Clark				
7	Clark					Brown				
Mayor Schielke										
VOTE:		Ayes	0 Nays	Absent	0 Abstention(s) counted as _____					
Total holding office: Mayor and 14 aldermen										

ATTEST:

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Heidi L. Wetzel, City Clerk

EXHIBIT I

**AGREEMENT**  
**The City of Batavia**  
**2011 Batavia Tree Trimming Contract**

This AGREEMENT, made on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011 by and between the City of Batavia (referred to in the Contract Documents as “Owner”) and the Asplundh Tree Expert Company (referred to in the Contract Documents as “Contractor”)

- A. Description of Work:  
2011 Batavia Tree Trimming Contract

<b>For the purpose of this bid, a MANUAL CREW will be defined as:</b> 1- Foreman 3-Climbers/Trimmers 1- Split Dump 1-Chipper					
LABOR	Per Hour	Overtime/Hr	Double OT/Hr	EQUIPMENT	Per Hour
Forman	42.98	64.44	84.13	Truck	7.38
Climber/Trimmer #1	39.35	59.03	73.98	Chipper/Dump	2.61
Climber/Trimmer #2	39.35	59.03	73.98		
Climber/Trimmer #3	35.29	52.94	66.35		

<b>For the purpose of this bid, a BUCKET TRUCK CREW will be defined as:</b> 1- Foreman 1-Climber/Trimmer 1- Bucket/Split Dump 1-Chipper					
LABOR	Per Hour	Overtime/Hr	Double Time/Hr	EQUIPMENT	Per Hour
Forman	42.98	64.44	84.13	Truck	11.27
Climber/Trimmer #1	39.35	59.03	73.98	Chipper/Dump	2.61

- B. Owner shall pay Contractor for the performance of the Work, in accordance with the General Conditions, the unit prices.
- C. Adjustment Unit Price: Adjustment Unit Prices that will be used for increases or decreases in the Contract Price, along with the associated units of work listed on Bid Page shall be valid until December 31, 2011.
- D. Contract Time: Time is of the essence of this Agreement. The Work shall be carried out continuously and at such a rate that will ensure full completion thereof within the Contract Time. The Contract Time is reasonable in consideration of the ordinary delays and hindrances usually encountered in the performance of such work.

**The Contract Time is as follows: The Work shall be completed before December 31, 2011**

If Contractor should neglect, refuse, or fail to complete all Work within the time set forth above, or any proper extension thereof granted by Owner, Contractor shall pay \$500 to Owner for each and every day Contractor is in default in accordance with the General Conditions.

AGREEMENT: (Continued)

E. Execution: This Agreement is executed in (4) four copies, each of which shall be deemed original.

In faith whereof, witness the signature of both parties:

**CONTRACTOR**

ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO.

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER**

THE CITY OF BATAVIA

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Jeffery D. Schielke

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST**

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Heidi L. Wetzel

Title \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**END OF AGREEMENT**

## 2011 Tree Trimming Bid Results

7-Mar-11

Company		Foreman	Climber 1	Climber 2	Climber 3	Groundman	Truck	Chipper	Total/Hr	2010
Asplundh	Bucket	42.98	39.35				11.27	2.61	96.21	95.43
Asplundh	Manual	42.98	39.35	39.35	35.29		7.38	2.61	170.96	156.97
DeMar	Bucket	38.00	35.90				22.50	23.60	120.00	
DeMar	Manual	38.00	35.90	35.90	35.90		22.50	23.60	191.80	
Kramer	Bucket	No Bid								
Kramer	Manual	No Bid								
P & M Tree Service	Bucket	29.00 (28.00?)					28.00 Inc		85.00	
P & M Tree Service	Manual	29.00	28.00	28.00		26.00	28.00 Inc		139.00	
Nelson Tree	Bucket	No Bid								
Nelson Tree	Manual	No Bid								
Warrensburg Tree Service	Bucket	No Reply								
Warrensburg Tree Service	Manual	No Reply								

Company	Number of Crews		Number of Work Day	
	Manual	Bucket		
Asplundh	1	1		\$150,000.00
DeMar		2		\$140,000.00
Kramer				
P & M Tree Service	4	1		\$146,500.00
Nelson Tree				
Warrensburg Tree Service				

P&M had incomplete information with bid submittal  
P&M may not be paying prevailing wage - check

Budget 21-64-6294      \$150,000.00

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