

**Memorandum  
Public Works Department**



**To:** City Manager  
**Subject:** 2014 Mowing Contract  
**Date:** April 2, 2014  
**Number:** 2014-078

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The Municipal Services Division received sealed bids for the provision of labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete mowing of City owned property, right-of-ways and weed ordinance issues. The invitation to bid was advertised in the Rock Island Argus (March 7–March 9) and was also posted on the City website. Bids were received and opened on March 25, 2014.

The low bid was received by Finer Finish Grounds Care in the amount of \$97,278.00. Municipal Services budgeted \$130,253.00 to complete the mowing and by outsourcing it will save the City significant savings. In addition to the savings the City removes all liability associated with the yearly mowing and can assign additional duties to one crew leader. Weed ordinance violation mowing will be completed on an as needed basis at \$44.50 per hour.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Council award the bid to Finer Finish Grounds Care and the City Manager be authorized to sign the contract.

**Vendor:** Finer Finish Grounds Care  
**Contract Amount:** \$97,278.00

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| <b>Accounts Chargeable:</b> |       | \$59,870.00         |
| Fund:                       | 101   | General Fund        |
| Division:                   | 616   | Municipal Services  |
| Cost Center:                | 334   | Weed Control        |
| Object Class:               | 53822 | Operating Expense   |
| Project:                    | 6224  | Weed Mowing Program |

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| <b>Accounts Chargeable:</b> |       | \$28,100.00         |
| Fund:                       | 101   | General Fund        |
| Division:                   | 616   | Municipal Services  |
| Cost Center:                | 334   | Weed Control        |
| Object Class:               | 53822 | Operating Expense   |
| Project:                    | 6224  | Weed Mowing Program |
| Grant:                      | 223   | Gaming              |

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| <b>Accounts Chargeable:</b> |       | \$9,308.00                     |
| Fund:                       | 507   | Stormwater Utility             |
| Division:                   | 616   | Municipal Services             |
| Cost Center:                | 322   | Levee/Right of way Maintenance |
| Object Class:               | 53822 | Operating Expense              |
| Project:                    | 6224  | Weed Mowing Program            |

**Requisition: R004546**

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**Approved by:** Thomas Thomas, City Manager