

Should this item be pulled from the consent the following motion is suggested:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve the Tree and Brush Clearing service contract to Marshall Albertson dba Absolute Tree Care not to exceed an amount of \$175,000 for the FY2016 budget.



City and Borough of Sitka

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Memorandum

May 15, 2015

To: Mark Gorman, Municipal Administrator
From: Dale Goerner, Interim Utility Director
Subject: Tree and Brush Clearing Contract Award

Request

This is to request Assembly approval of a Tree and Brush Clearing contract to Marshall Albertson dba Absolute Tree Care for transmission and distribution line clearing.

Background:

The current Tree and Brush Clearing contract expires June 30, 2015. This award went through a competitive bidding process. Two bids were received. We are selecting the low bidder.

Analysis:

The Electric Department has utilized a service contractor to maintain clearance to power lines by trimming trees and cutting brush. Consistent line clearing and maintenance is critical to the reliable operation of any electric utility. Maintaining adequate clearance on our lines results in savings in operational costs by reducing outages and crew callouts and improves the level of electrical service to our customers.

The on-going line clearance tree and brush clearing work was bid with two responsive bidders. Absolute Tree Care was the lowest responsive, responsible and qualified bidder.

Fiscal Note:

The requested FY2016 budget is not to exceed \$175,000.

Recommended Motion:

I MOVE to approve the Tree and Brush Clearing service contract to Marshall Albertson dba Absolute Tree Care not to exceed \$175,000 for FY 2016.