



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2021-0059

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, Director Parks and Natural Resources
DATE: February 22, 2021
SUBJECT: Application to Control Gypsy Moth Populations

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to a purchase order for application to control gypsy moth populations in the amount of \$31,681.44 to Al's Aerial Spraying, LLC, Ovid, Michigan.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

Sealed bids were solicited utilizing the MITN website with only one (1) bid response received. Al's Aerial Spraying LLC has performed these services in the past for the City and we have been extremely satisfied with the work completed. It is recommended that Al's Aerial Spraying LLC be awarded the contract as the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder with the qualifications and experience to perform the work.

Based on egg mass surveys conducted in Fall of 2020 by the City's Forestry staff, six (6) areas were located within the city that were at levels identified as a threat to tree mortality and risk the health of our community canopy. The areas to be treated total 112 acres. As in years past (RH last sprayed in 2019), Rochester Hills will be working with an experienced aerial applicator to spray an organic product (Bt - Bacillus Thuringiensis var. Kurstaki), naturally found in our soils. This treatment method is commonly used throughout the state and by many of our neighbors for Gypsy Moth control, it is used by organic farmers regularly, can be purchased over the counter by anyone, and is considered harmless to humans, pets, and other non-target organisms.

Spray will be conducted sometime in May to early June - dependent on weather conditions. Residents directly impacted within the spray blocks will receive prior notification, a legal notice will be posted, and additional information will be provided on our city's website.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Al's Aerial Spraying, LLC
3473 N. Shepardsville Rd
Ovid, MI 48866

Reason for Selection:

Lowest, responsive, responsible bidder

Method of Purchase:
Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2021 Adopted Budget. If approved by City Council, a 2nd Quarter Amendment will be forthcoming to draw \$21,690 from Tree Fund (232) Fund Balance.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Tree Fund	232.807000	Contractual Services	\$10,000	\$31,681.44	(\$21,681.44)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize a purchase order for application to control gypsy moth populations in the amount of \$31,681.44 to Al's Aerial Spraying, LLC, Ovid, Michigan.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A