



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Pat Fribis and the Board of Alderman

From: Gerald Brown, Parks & Recreation Director

Date: January 4, 2022

Re: Contractual Mowing Services

The Parks & Recreation Department investigated the cost effectiveness of contracted Mowing Services last October, 2021. The goal was to look at overall cost for contractual help compared to bringing on additional full-time staff to assist with mowing services. After numerous conversations, it was recommended to try contractual mowing services for a year and then to gauge overall effectiveness of performance, time saving and professionalism. This contract will include (28) cuts from March 15th – Nov 15th for athletic fields at 13555 West Watson Road, 801 Old Gravois and for a portion of property at 13550 West Watson Road. The Parks & Recreation Department advertised and mailed directly to (19) landscaping companies to obtain bids.

The staff recommend Ideal Landscape at \$59,724 for this service. Funds were budgeted in the following accounts:

\$20,000	01.8004.6732
\$20,000	01.8008.6732
\$20,000	12.8010.6732

After 2022 season, the goal will be to recommend best direction for these services moving forward.