## Tree Trimming Bid Award

- SUBJECT: Consideration and possible recommendation to award the Tree Trimming and Vegetation Management Contract to Townsend Tree Service LLC. of Muncie, Indiana, in the estimated amount not to exceed of \$300,000.00. Mike Westbrook, Electric Operations Manager
- ITEM SUMMARY: The Tree Trimming and Vegetation Management is an annual contract with optional four (4) one (1) year extensions. The term of the last agreement ended September 30, 2020. We put the contract out to bid and received one bidder, Townsend Tree Service LLC. The main services include scheduled trimming of existing main and lateral lines to a planned 5 year trim cycle. Services also include tree trimming and removal of trees for extensions and upgrades to existing facilities. The contractor will bill for labor services rendered based upon labor units and hourly time and equipment billing as outlined with this agreement in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.
- STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommendation is to renew the contract with Townsend Tree Service LLC of Muncie, Indiana, in the estimated amount not to exceed of \$300,000.00.
- FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funds for this expenditure are budgeted in the Electric Operations
- Budget: Electric Operations
- SUBMITTED BY: Mike Westbrook, Electric Operations Manager