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**To:** City Council  
**From:** Amy E. Gilson, P.E., Director of Public Works  
**Date:** June 21, 2017  
**Re:** Timber Removal

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As you may recall, at the meeting on March 13, 2017 the City Council approved the sale of timber that was a result of the ITC trimming at Bennett Park. Bids had been sent to eight different logging companies. Fodor Timber Inc. was the only company to submit a bid (\$6,300.00 for timber and \$200.00 for firewood).

Since that time, ITC cut down more trees further down the line that would be considered saleable timber and offered them to the City again. Because Fodor Timber was the only bidder, we had him look at the wood to see if it was worth anything. Upon inspection on June 13<sup>th</sup>, three weeks had passed since the trees were felled, and the wood was starting to dry and crack. Mr. Fodor indicated that if the wood were going to be saleable, it needed to be removed and processed immediately. Some logs tested hollow. The hard maple was of more concern as it is difficult to sell this time of year and the closest mill sawing hard maple right now is in southern Ohio. Additionally, due to the more remote location of this wood, he needed three pieces of equipment to access it.

Mr. Fodor offered the City a minimum of \$2,400.00 for the second cutting of wood considering the above mentioned issues. He also indicated that if the logs "saw good" he may be able to give us more money for them. After discussion with the City Manager, we approved the change to the original bid. Mr. Fodor paid the initial \$2,400.00 and removed the wood the next day. We are waiting to hear how the logs sawed and if we will receive any additional payments.

If you have any questions, please let me know.