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**TO:** Mayor Shaun Sipma  
Members of the City Council

**FROM:** David Lakefield, City Finance Director

**DATE:** August 6, 2021

**SUBJECT: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT APPROVAL; 2021 WEED CUTTING**

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**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Recommend approval of the assessment roll for 2021 weed cutting.

**II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS**

Dan Jonasson, Public Works Director	857-4112
David Lakefield, City Finance Director	857-4784

**III. DESCRIPTION**

A. Background

The Public Works department has responded to a number of complaints regarding tall grass and weeds. The attached list represents those locations the City abated for the twelve-month period beginning August 1, 2020 but has not received payment. The City wishes to certify the attached list to Ward County for collection with property taxes.

**IV. IMPACT:**

A. Strategic Impact:

The special assessment of nuisances, specifically tall grass and weeds, is governed by City Ordinance section 22-6.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

Provides guidelines for property owners and a mechanism for the City to respond to those in non-compliance.

C. Fiscal Impact:

This project was funded with property taxes. Timely collection of the assessments can help to reduce future property tax levies for nuisances.

**V. ALTERNATIVES**

Alt one. The Council could deny approval of the assessment roll for 2021 weed cutting. This would place the cost of abating nuisances on the shoulders of all property owners.

**VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

Council's approval of the assessment roll will allow staff to move forward with processing the loans resulting in inclusion in the annual certification to Ward County for collection.

**VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

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