ITEM # 19
DATE: 07-29-08

# COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2008/2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) NEIGHBORHOOD CURB REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

## BACKGROUND:

This program is part of the City's 2008/2009 CDBG Annual Action Plan project to remove and replace curb and gutter. All curb and gutter to be replaced are located in a targeted census tract where at least 51% of the residents have income at or below 80% of the Story County median income limits.

The goal of the Neighborhood Curb Replacement is to strengthen and improve City neighborhoods by replacing deteriorated or missing curb and gutter in order to enhance neighborhood aesthetics and reduce infiltration into the subgrade, which will lower future street maintenance costs.

Deteriorated concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced along N. Hazel Avenue from N. 3rd Street to Lincoln Way. Concrete curb and gutter will be placed along N. Hazel from N. 4th Street to N. 3rd Street where there is currently no curb and gutter.

On Thursday, July 24, 2008 bids were received as follows:

| Bidder | Amount |
|---|---|
| Engineer's Estimate | $107,000.00 |
| Manatt's, Inc. | $104,247.35 |
| Con-Struct, Inc. | $152,652.00 |

Staff has completed plans and specifications with engineering and administration costs estimated at $6,000. The project is established with financing in the amount of $100,000 from Community Development Block Grant funds and $9,000 from the 2008/2009 Intake Rehabilitation Program for related items. Engineering and construction administration will be covered by remaining funds in the 2008/09 Neighborhood Curb Program.

## ALTERNATIVES:

1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Curb Replacement Program.

b. Approve the final plans and specifications for 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Curb Replacement Program.

c. Award the 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Curb Replacement Program to Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of $104,247.35.

2. Reject the bids.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By awarding the contract, the City of Ames will continue to strengthen and improve its neighborhoods.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the 2008/2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Curb Replacement Program to Manatt's, Inc. in the amount of $104,247.35.

CAF APPROVAL

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