

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: MAIN STREET ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (DOUGLAS AVENUE TO KELLOGG AVENUE)

BACKGROUND:

In May 2011 staff reported to City Council that Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), an Alliant Energy company, notified the City about a leak in their gas main in the alley north of Main Street between Douglas Avenue and Kellogg Avenue. The leak was repaired, but they recognized that the gas main needed to be replaced. In looking at the amount of alley repair that would be needed with the replacement of the gas main, they asked Public Works staff if it would be possible to reimburse the City for the cost of the alley paving needed for their gas main replacement. Public Works was then approached by the Electric Services Department regarding needed transformer work in the same alley that would involve even more pavement removal and replacement. Taking into consideration the amount of proposed pavement removal and replacement involved with IPL's and Electric Services' proposed work, replacing the entire alley was recommended.

Council subsequently approved a reimbursement agreement with IPL for pavement replacement in an amount not to exceed \$41,935.41. The alley will be replaced with 8" concrete in the tire path with a four-foot strip of pervious concrete in the middle of the alley (above the existing storm sewer). This approach to design will accomplish a significant reduction in long-term maintenance and will be a sustainable approach to addressing the drainage issues, which contributed to the decreased integrity of the existing alley pavement.

City staff held a public meeting, which included area businesses and residents, to discuss the staging and timing of the construction. As a result of this meeting, staff will coordinate access and parking for area during construction.

On February 22, 2012, bids on this project were received as follows:

Engineer's Estimate	\$105,880.00
Absolute Concrete	\$ 94,457.00
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$ 99,653.30
Ames Trenching	\$104,898.50
MPS	\$110,752.10
Manatt's Inc.	\$126,627.80

Engineering and administration costs are estimated at \$16,000 bringing total estimated costs to \$110,457.

In addition to the reimbursement amount of \$41,935.41 from Interstate Power and Light, Electric Services will contribute \$20,000 for pavement replacement and \$10,000 for conduit installation for the electric work required in the alley. Funding from unobligated General Obligation Bonds was identified at the May 24, 2011 City Council meeting and is available in the amount of \$50,000. This brings total available funding to approximately \$122,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the Main Street Alley Reconstruction Project (Douglas Avenue to Kellogg Avenue).
 - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Main Street Alley Reconstruction Project (Douglas Avenue to Kellogg Avenue).
 - c. Award the Main Street Alley Reconstruction Project (Douglas Avenue to Kellogg Avenue) to Absolute Concrete of Slater, Iowa, in the amount of \$94,457.00.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving plans and specifications and setting the letting date, construction of this project will be able to take place during the 2012 construction season.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the Main Street Alley Reconstruction Project (Douglas Avenue to Kellogg Avenue) to Absolute Concrete of Slater, Iowa, in the amount of \$94,457.00.