

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 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 was 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 accomplished 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 former alley pavement.

On February 28, 2012, City Council awarded this project to Absolute Concrete of Slater, Iowa, in the amount of \$94,457.00. Construction was completed in the amount of \$88,526.88. **Engineering and administration costs were \$26,697 bringing total project costs to \$115,223.88.**

In addition to the reimbursement amount of \$41,935.41 from IPL, 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:

1. Accept the Main Street Alley Reconstruction Project (Douglas Avenue to Kellogg Avenue) as completed by Absolute Concrete of Slater, Iowa, in the amount of \$88,526.88.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The project has now been completed in accordance with approved plans and specifications, and is within the approved budget.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the Main Street Alley Reconstruction Project (Douglas Avenue to Kellogg Avenue) as completed by Absolute Concrete of Slater, Iowa, in the amount of \$88,526.88.