

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2012/13 AMES MUNICIPAL CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS (PAVING IMPROVEMENTS)

BACKGROUND:

Within the Ames Municipal Cemetery boundaries, there are nearly two miles of paved lanes north of 9th Street. These lanes provide public access for visitors to gravesites and funerals, as well as access for crews and equipment for funeral preparations and maintenance of the sites and grounds. Prior to 2008/09, endowed care funds were used for surface maintenance of the cemetery lanes. Beginning in 2008/09, state regulations were put into place that prohibited the use of these funds for all cemetery costs. As a result of these new regulations and loss of funding created by them, maintenance of the lanes stopped. However, under ongoing use the lanes have continued to deteriorate.

After reviewing the structural status of lanes in the cemetery, a plan was created to address the deficiencies over several years. This project will entail a three-inch overlay of the lane adjacent to the office and parking lot, seal coating in the areas around the maintenance buildings, and a two-inch overlay for some of the southern lanes of the cemetery. The City also has a contract for slurry sealing some of the lanes in the northeast portion of the cemetery.

On Wednesday, February 20, 2013, bids were received as follows:

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Engineer's Estimate | \$75,000 |
| <u>Bidder:</u> | <u>Amount:</u> |
| Manatt's Inc. | \$82,988.50 |

With engineering and construction administration estimated at \$1,000, the total estimated expenses are \$83,988.50. This project is financed in the amount of \$59,075 with Local Option Sales Tax from the Capital Improvements Plan in FY 11/12 and 12/13, and \$17,065 remaining from the cemetery fence project, bringing total funding to \$76,140.

In reviewing the bid, the cost of the seal coat overlay was much higher than anticipated. Staff will review this portion of the project to see why the cost was high and if there are any alternatives to lower costs. The plans will then be revised and the project rebid as soon as possible.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2012/13 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements (Paving Improvements).
- b. Reject the project.
- 2a. Accept the report of bids for the 2012/13 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements (Paving Improvements).
- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the 2012/13 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements (Paving Improvements).
- c. Award the 2012/13 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements (Paving Improvements) to Manatt's Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$82,988.50.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The cost to seal coat around the maintenance buildings was much higher than anticipated. By rejecting bids, staff can reevaluate that portion of the project and revise the plans to lower the costs.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the report of bids and rejecting the 2012/13 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements (Paving Improvements).