

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** FINAL ACCEPTANCE – 2012/13 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC FACILITIES NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (BEEDLE DRIVE AND APLIN ROAD)

**BACKGROUND:**

The Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (curb, streets, sidewalks, etc.) is available for targeted low- and moderate-income census tracts. The objective of this program is to replace and/or repair curbs, driveway approaches, sidewalks, and/or street resurfacing areas in qualifying census tracts that have deteriorated and are causing premature pavement failure. The overall goal of the program is to preserve and enhance the viability and aesthetics of our existing core neighborhoods.

This project was part of the City's 2012/13 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan program to pave the existing gravel streets on Beedle Drive (Aplin Road to approximately 200' south) and Aplin Road (Beedle Drive to Dotson Drive). Beedle Drive and Aplin Road are in a targeted census tract where at least 51 percent of the residents have income at or below 80 percent of the Story County median income limits.

On August 28, 2012, City Council awarded this project to Manatt's, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$338,818.93. Construction was completed in the amount of \$353,361.56. One change order, in the amount of \$14,542.63, was administratively approved by staff. This was the balancing change order and included modifications to address storm water drainage and balanced the actual field installed quantities. The engineering and administrative costs were \$53,004, bringing overall project costs to \$406,366.

The initial amount of CDBG funds that was allocated to the project was \$440,000. Additionally order to receive the greatest low and moderate income benefit 100% of the CDBG covered the project cost, while \$53,004 for Engineering and Construction Administration was covered using unobligated G.O. Bond funds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Accept the 2012/13 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program – Beedle Drive (Aplin Road to approximately 200' south) and Aplin Road (Beedle Drive to Dotson Drive) as completed by Manatt's, Inc of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$353,361.56.
2. Direct Staff to pursue modifications to the project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project directly addressed a community concern of having gravel streets within the City. The use of CDBG funding in this targeted census tract allowed the project to be accomplished without the use of special assessments. 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 adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the 2012/13 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program – Beedle Drive (Aplin Road to approximately 200' south) and Aplin Road (Beedle Drive to Dotson Drive) as completed by Manatt's, Inc., of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$353,361.56.

**To celebrate the completion of this project, a ribbon cutting event with the neighborhood is being planned for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**