

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2013/14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC FACILITIES NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE)**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program focuses on areas of the City with targeted low- and moderate-income census tracts. The program objective is to replace and/or repair curbs, driveway approaches, sidewalks, and/or street resurfacing areas 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 specific project is part of the 2013/14 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. It involves reconstruction of the existing roadway on South Maple Avenue from South 4<sup>th</sup> Street to approximately 125' south of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. South Maple Avenue is 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.

The South Maple Avenue project includes pavement reconstruction, curb/gutter and driveway approach replacement, infill of sidewalk along O'Neil Park, sidewalk ramp reconstruction at intersections, and sodding of all disturbed areas. This project is being bid with a base bid plus bidding the pavement replacement as an alternate for either an asphalt pavement section or a concrete pavement section. Additionally, a section of water main at the intersection of South 3<sup>rd</sup> and South Maple will also be replaced.

On August 21, 2013, bids on this project were received as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate A (asphalt)</b>	<b>Alternate B (concrete)</b>	<b>Total (Base Bid plus Alt A or B)</b>
Engineer's Estimate	\$321,313.00	\$130,244.50	\$138,594.00	
Con-Struct Inc.	\$270,787.40	No Bid	\$97,015.80	\$367,803.20
Manatts	\$290,724.57	\$113,513.65	No Bid	\$404,238.22

This project is recommended for award based on the lowest cost of the base bid plus Alternate B (concrete), which totals \$367,803.20.

Engineering and Administration costs are estimated at \$56,000, bringing total estimated project costs to \$423,803.20

The project will be financed with \$450,000 in CDBG funds along with \$30,000 from the 2013/14 Water System Improvements Program to cover the water main costs, bringing total available funding to \$480,000. Estimated engineering and construction administration costs will be financed by unobligated G.O. Bond funds, since CDBG funds cannot be used for design and project inspection.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2013/14 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program – South Maple Avenue (South 4<sup>th</sup> Street to approximately 125’ south of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street).
  - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the 2013/14 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program – South Maple Avenue (South 4<sup>th</sup> Street to approximately 125’ south of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street).
  - c. Award the 2013/14 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program – South Maple Avenue (South 4<sup>th</sup> Street to approximately 125’ south of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) including Alternate B (concrete) to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$367,803.20.
2. If the City Council believes asphalt is a superior product for this situation, then the contract should instead be awarded to Manatts, Inc.
  3. Do not proceed with this project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Proceeding with this project will strengthen and improve one of the City’s core existing neighborhoods. Constructing this street with Portland cement provides the best value for our citizens.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.