

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

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

BACKGROUND:

Nearly two miles of paved lanes within the Ames Municipal Cemetery provide public access for visitors to gravesites and for 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 the funding loss created by these regulations, maintenance of these lanes has been minimal and led to continued deterioration.

This project entailed a three-inch overlay of the lane next to the office and associated parking lot and two-inch overlays on some of the southern lanes. Slurry seal was also done this year on some of the lanes in the cemetery under a different contract. This is part of a multi-year plan to improve the lanes in the cemetery.

On June 11, 2013, City Council awarded this project to Manatt's, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$65,945.10. A balancing change order for this project was administratively approved by staff. This change order was a deduction of \$8,515.52 to reflect actual quantities installed in the field. Construction was completed in the amount of \$57,429.58. Engineering and contract administration costs totaled \$400, bringing overall project costs to \$57,830.

The available funding for this project was \$59,075 of Local Option Sales Tax from the Capital Improvements Plan in FY 11/12 and 12/13, and \$17,065 from remaining cemetery fence project funds, bringing total available funding to \$76,140. Unused funding will be used for future improvements in the cemetery.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the 2012/2013 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements (Paving Improvements) as completed by Manatt's, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$57,429.58.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project was completed in accordance with the 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 as described above.