

ITEM # 16  
DATE: 05-13-14

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: CITY HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM GRANT FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
BRIDGE OVER SQUAW CREEK**

**BACKGROUND:**

This Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) program provides funding for necessary repairs recommended by the Iowa Department of Transportation's (IDOT) biennial bridge inspections report. In both 2010 and 2012, these bridge inspections both recommended replacement of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over Squaw Creek due to its current condition. A feasibility study in 2009 also recommended replacement. The replacement of the bridge was placed in the CIP as a multi-year project to allow time for study, design, procurement of grants, and construction. A design alternatives study was completed and the style of bridge and aesthetic treatments were approved by City Council in 2013.

This year the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over Squaw Creek ranked high enough on the State's city bridge candidate list to be offered funding for replacement. This grant will provide up to 80% of all eligible costs up to a limit of \$1,000,000. The grant shows the most current estimate of the total costs of the bridge at \$2,094,400.

The total budget for this project is currently programmed in the CIP for \$2,870,000, but includes engineering fees and \$340,000 for the reconstruction of 6<sup>th</sup> Street west of the bridge. Final design will begin after July 2014, and cost estimates will be refined for the 2015/16 CIP that reflect all anticipated costs of the bridge replacement and 6<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the City Highway Bridge Program agreement with the Iowa DOT for 80% reimbursement of eligible items up to a maximum of \$1,000,000.
2. Reject the agreement and fund the project locally.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approving the City Highway Bridge Program grant agreement will supplement the amount of local funds needed for this project.

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