

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2011/12 DOWNTOWN STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS
(DOUGLAS AVENUE – MAIN STREET TO 7TH STREET)**

BACKGROUND:

The annual Downtown Street Pavement Improvements program is for rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of streets within the downtown area. The 2011/12 program location was Douglas Avenue from Main Street to 7th Street. The project included pavement reconstruction, storm and sanitary sewer improvements, new water main from Main Street to 7th Street, new angled parking at the Ames Public Library (which increased the capacity from eight to 13 spaces and included two dedicated handicap parking stalls), and a ribbon of colored sidewalk concrete to match the previously reconstructed areas of downtown. This project also included bulb-out areas and colored concrete at the intersections to provide a similar feel to the other sections of downtown, as well as updated street lighting.

On August 28, 2012, City Council awarded this project to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,215,016. Four change orders were approved in accordance with Purchasing Policies and Procedures. The first change order, in the amount of \$10,553.12, included additional work for sanitary sewer and water main construction in the 500 block of Douglas Avenue. The second, in the amount of \$3,581.69, included additional work for sanitary and water main construction in the 400 block of Douglas Avenue. The third, in the amount of \$18,375, included a new lid on the underground electrical vault in the 400 block of Douglas Avenue. The fourth and final change order, in the amount of \$3,000.23, was the balancing change order to reflect actual quantities installed in the field.

Construction was completed in the amount of \$1,250,526.04. Final acceptance of this project was delayed over the winter of 2013/14 to ensure proper vegetative restoration growth in the spring of 2014. Engineering and contract administration costs totaled \$250,105, bringing overall project costs to \$1,500,631.04.

The project funding is summarized below:

FY11/12 General Obligation Bonds	\$ 750,000
2009 General Obligation Bonds (unobligated)	\$ 240,000
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 277,775
Water Fund	\$ 162,100
Electric (street lighting)	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
Total Funding	\$1,504,875

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the 2011/12 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Douglas Avenue from Main Street to 7th Street) as completed by Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,250,526.04.
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, thereby accepting the 2011/12 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Douglas Avenue from Main Street to 7th Street) as completed by Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,250,526.04.