

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 in 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 was part of the 2013/14 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. It involved reconstruction of the existing roadway on South Maple Avenue from South 4th Street to approximately 125' south of South 2nd Street. This area 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.

On August 27, 2013, City Council awarded this project to Con-Struct, Inc., of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$367,803.20. The first change order, in the amount of \$40,833.10, was administratively approved by staff. That change order extended the project limits to include the reconstruction of South Maple up to just south of the South 2nd Street intersection due to favorable costs during the initial bid phase.

The second change order **(this Council action)** will be the balancing change order for the project, and is in the amount of \$33,487.96. Major items in this change order include replacement of an additional storm sewer manhole, additional vegetative restoration along the corridor, and balancing of the actual field-installed quantities.

Construction was completed in the amount of \$442,124.26. The project was 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 construction funding to \$480,000.

Engineering and contract administration costs totaled \$56,000. However, those costs are ineligible for CDBG funding and will be financed by unobligated G.O. bond funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Approve Change Order No. 2 (balancing) for the 2013/14 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program – South Maple Avenue (South 4th Street to approximately 125’ south of South 2nd Street) in the amount of \$33,487.96.
 - b. Accept the 2013/14 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program – South Maple Avenue (South 4th Street to approximately 125’ south of South 2nd Street) as completed by Con-Struct, Inc., of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$442,174.26.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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 as stated above.