

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CENTURYLINK 36-MONTH INTERNET SERVICE AGREEMENT

BACKGROUND:

The City currently contracts with CenturyLink to provide Internet service at a 30 Mbps data transfer rate at a cost of \$2,238.79 per month or \$26,865.48 per year. This service is used at 17 locations throughout the City network. Due to increasing Internet utilization to provide City services and a reliance on the Internet for communications and information transfer to conduct City business, it is necessary to increase the City's data transfer rate. CenturyLink has quoted the monthly rate for a 70 Mbps Internet service as follows:

36-month contract at \$2,260.99 per month or \$27,131.88 per year

By entering into this 36-month agreement, the City will increase the data transfer rate from 30 Mbps to 70 Mbps for an additional \$266.40 per year.

Because the 36-month contract option covers more than one year, City Council approval is required. The CenturyLink agreement contains a "non-appropriation" clause, giving the City the option to unilaterally cancel the contract if funds are not appropriated by City Council in future years.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve an agreement between the City of Ames and CenturyLink to provide 70 Mbps data transfer rate Internet service for a 36-month contract at \$2,260.99 per month or \$27,131.88 per year.
2. Continue under the current agreement which expires on December 10, 2016 and provides internet speeds at 30 Mbps data transfer rate.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving an agreement with CenturyLink to provide Internet service for the City, we will receive high-speed, dedicated service that will meet our current and future Internet bandwidth requirements.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving an agreement between the City of Ames and CenturyLink to provide 70 Mbps data transfer rate Internet service for a 36-month contract at \$2,260.99 per month or \$27,131.88 per year.