

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2011/12 & 2012/13 RETAINING WALL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

BACKGROUND:

This annual program is to reconstruct and/or repair retaining walls located within the City's rights-of-way that have been identified as structurally failing. These retaining walls become priorities for reconstruction and/or repair due to safety concerns. Drainage improvements and structural changes to the retaining walls are also included in the program. The 2011/12 program location is on the south side of 13th Street near Crescent Street adjacent to the shared use path. The 2012/13 program location is on the east side of South Dayton Avenue just south of Lincoln Way.

On March 18, 2015, bids for the project were received as follows:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
Engineer's estimate	\$93,120.00
Miner Hardscape	\$63,899.40
Central Landscape	\$93,677.35
Boulder Contracting LLC	\$116,120.65
Sunram Construction Inc.	\$131,577.45

This program was shown in the 2011/12 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) with funding in the amount of \$80,000 from Road Use Tax Funds, and in the 2012/13 CIP in the amount of \$40,000, also from Road Use Tax. For economies of scale, the two work locations were combined. Engineering and administration expenses are estimated at \$25,000, bringing total estimated costs to \$88,899.40.

These projects were delayed while staff worked to acquire temporary easements on the three affected properties. These easements were needed to allow the work to proceed and will improve the safety of these work areas. This is especially true along 13th Street, since the trail in that location will be widened with this construction.

Staff believes that the low bid is acceptable, even though it is significantly lower than the other bids. Prior to Tuesday's Council meeting staff will contact references to verify that Miner Hardscape is a responsible, responsive bidder.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2011/12 & 2012/13 Retaining Wall Reconstruction Projects.

- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for this project.
 - c. Award the 2011/12 & 2012/13 Retaining Wall Reconstruction Projects to Miner Hardscape of Granger, Iowa, in the amount of \$63,899.40.
2. Do not proceed with this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By awarding this project it will be possible to move forward with the reconstruction of these walls during the summer or fall of 2015. The project timing will require the trail on 13th Street to remain open during the Furman Aquatic Center season.

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