

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT FOR 2015 INIS GROVE PARK SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT LIGHTING**

**BACKGROUND:**

After months of gathering public input and reviewing multiple options, the Parks and Recreation Commission elected to place four sand volleyball courts with lights in Inis Grove Park. This project has two phases, with the first phase being the construction of the courts by City staff. Barring any weather delays, the first phase is projected to be completed by May 31, 2015. Phase two will be the installation of the lighting and will be contracted. The contractor will have until August 31, 2015 to install the lights. Lighting bids were solicited for the following items:

**Base Bid** – Provide all labor, equipment, materials, and other components necessary to complete the Inis Grove Park Sand Volleyball Court Lighting in accordance with the plans and specifications.

**Alternate #1** – Contractor to replace existing control unit for the tennis and basketball courts with new control unit for remote access of the tennis, basketball, and sand volleyball courts.

**Inis Grove Sand Volleyball Lighting Project**

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Add Alt. #1</b>	<b>Total Bid with Alt.</b>
Van Maanen Electric, Inc., Newton, IA	\$85,909	\$6,865	\$92,774
Cox Electric, Polk City, IA	\$96,215	\$8,320	\$104,535

**Project Cost**

Phase One (Construction of sand courts by City staff): \$50,400 (Estimated)

**Phase Two (Lighting project - without alternate): \$85,909**

Engineering: \$14,430

Project Total \$150,739

The original budget for this project at Emma McCarthy Lee Park was \$100,000. To address drainage issues at the Inis Grove site, the new facility layout required the addition of two light poles/fixtures resulting in an increase in the estimated cost of the project to \$117,900. Since the City is no longer expected to contribute to the

**purchase of gymnasium equipment at the new Ames Community School District grade schools, \$20,000 was redirected to this project.** With the bids for lights coming in higher than expected, along with the addition of the Engineering fees, there is a shortfall of \$30,739 to complete this project. Staff looked at currently approved projects and determined the sand volleyball courts to be a higher priority right now than adding a new \$30,000 playground structure at the Red Oak shelter in Inis Grove Park which is scheduled in FY 2014/15. Therefore, staff is recommending shifting this \$30,000 to the sand volleyball project. The additional \$739 will come from savings on the completed Community Center Lockers project.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1a. Award the Sand Volleyball Lighting contract to Van Maanen Electric, Inc., of Newton, Iowa, for the base bid in the amount of \$85,909.
- b. Authorize reallocation of \$30,000 budgeted in FY 2014/15 for new playground structure at Red Oak shelter in Inis Grove Park to the sand volleyball project.
- 2a. Award the Sand Volleyball Lighting contract to Cox Electric, of Polk City, Iowa for the base bid in the amount of \$96,215.
- b. Authorize reallocation of \$30,000 budgeted in FY 2014/15 for new playground structure at Red Oak shelter in Inis Grove Park to the sand volleyball project.

This option would require staff to identify additional funding in excess of the \$30,000 reallocated in b.

3. Reject all bids.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The proposed project will address a need for additional quality sand volleyball courts within the community. After reviewing current CIP projects, staff feels the sand volleyball courts to be a high priority and have reprioritized the use of approved funding.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby awarding the Sand Volleyball Lighting contract to Van Maanen Electric, Inc., of Newton, Iowa for the base bid in the amount of \$85,909 and authorizing the reallocation of funds described in Alternative 1.