

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2014/15 DOWNTOWN STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS  
 (5<sup>TH</sup> STREET – BURNETT AVENUE TO GRAND)**

**BACKGROUND:**

The annual Downtown Street Pavement Improvements program is for rehabilitation or reconstruction of streets within the downtown area. **The 2014/15 program location is 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Burnett Avenue to Grand Avenue.** The project includes removal and replacement of the existing pavement, storm sewer improvements, water quality improvements, and sanitary sewer improvements, as well as and a ribbon of colored sidewalk concrete to match the previously constructed areas of downtown.

City staff and the engineering consultant, Bolton & Menk, held a project information meeting with area businesses and the Main Street Cultural District (MSCD). The project will be staged to maintain access to all businesses during construction and is scheduled for completion in fall 2015. This project is being coordinated with recently awarded water quality grants received from the State (IDALS and SRF Sponsored Projects). Staff has also coordinated to avoid having street closures during the Midnight Madness Road Race.

On May 6, 2015, bids for the project were received as follows:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
Engineer's estimate	\$1,152,380
Con-Struct	\$1,397,677

Funding available for this project summarized below:

	Revenue	Expenses
5th Street (Burnett to Grand)		\$ 1,397,677
General Obligation Bonds (FY14/15 CIP for Street)	\$ 900,000	
Sanitary Sewer Funds (13/14 Sanitary Sewer Rehab Program)	\$ 75,000	
Sanitary Sewer Funds (14/15 Sanitary Sewer Rehab Program)	\$ 64,500	
15/16 Storm Sewer Improvement Program	\$ 70,000	
Unused GO Bonds from 11/12 Asphalt Pavement Improvements (Ironwood)	\$ 75,000	
Unused GO Bond from 13/14 Downtown Pavement Improvements	\$ 111,671	
Engineering/Administration		\$ 140,000
	<u>\$ 1,296,171</u>	<u>\$ 1,537,677</u>

**At the May 12, 2015 meeting, City Council accepted the report of bids and approved the final plans and specifications. Staff has reviewed the bid and recommends rejecting the bid as received. Project alternatives will be explored and the project will be rebid at a future date. Alternatives could include adding an alternate asphalt pavement section in the bid and/or expanding the time frame to complete the project. Other alternatives may be discovered prior to rebidding of the project and will be evaluated for consideration. Staff has reached out to the Main Street Cultural District and there are no significant negative impacts to their activities by adjusting the contract as noted above.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Reject the bid as received and rebid the project at a future date.
2. Award the project bid to Con-Stuct of Ames, Iowa in the amount of \$1,397,677.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This project represents City Council's continuing commitment to reinvest in downtown infrastructure. However, due to high bids, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, and thereby reject the bid as received. This action will allow staff time to re-evaluate the project and determine if there are alternatives that will reduce the cost of the project.