

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

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

BACKGROUND:

The annual Downtown Street Pavement Improvements program rehabilitates or reconstructs streets within the downtown area. **The 2014/15 program location is 5th 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 a ribbon of colored sidewalk concrete to match the previously reconstructed 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. The work will be coordinated with recently awarded water quality grants received from the State (IDALS and SRF Sponsored Projects) to incorporate low-impact storm water features on 5th Street and create a more sustainable landscape around City Hall.

Bids were originally received on May 6, 2015. On May 26 City Council formally rejected all bids due to being greater than the available funding. Since that time, City staff and the engineering consultant have reviewed the plans and discussed options to reduce costs for the project. **Cost reductions were achieved through evaluation of existing underground utilities and identifying improvements that could be made through alternative construction practices which would reduce cost but still provide an effective and functioning utility system. The construction schedule was also modified to allow the project to begin this summer or fall and allow for completion next spring prior to the July 4th parade and Midnight Madness road race. The contractor would be required to keep the project maintainable and passable for the winter of 2015. Finally, the decorative fencing to be placed around the street trees has been included as a bid alternate, meaning if favorable bids are received this component can be added as a part of this project.** Otherwise this fencing could be added at a later date through a separate bid in coordination with the vegetative restoration on this project.

On July 22, 2015, bids for the project were received as follows:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
Engineer's estimate	\$1,137,486.00
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$1,206,258.00
Synergy Contracting	\$1,306,212.20

	Available Revenue	Estimated Expenses
5th Street (Burnett to Grand) Pavement Improvements (Base Bid)		\$ 1,182,318
Decorative Fencing (Bid Alternate)		\$ 23,940
General Obligation Bonds (FY14/15 CIP for Street)	\$ 900,000	
Sanitary Sewer Funds (13/14 Sanitary Sewer Rehab Program)	\$ 175,000	
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 project (Ironwood Court)	\$ 75,000	
Unused GO Bonds from 13/14 Downtown Pavement Improvements	\$ 111,671	
Engineering/Administration		\$ 185,000
	\$ 1,396,171	\$ 1,391,258

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1 a. Accept the report of bids for the 2014/15 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (5th Street – Burnett Avenue to Grand Avenue).
- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for this project.
- c. Award the 2014/15 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (5th Street – Burnett Avenue to Grand Avenue) base and alternate bid to Con-Struct, Inc., of Ames, Iowa, in the total amount of \$1,206,258.
2. Direct staff to revise the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project represents City Council’s continuing commitment to reinvest in downtown infrastructure. By approving plans and specifications and setting the letting date, it will be possible to move forward with the reconstruction of 5th Street during the summer and fall of 2015. Delay of approval could delay the reconstruction until late in 2016 which may affect annual events in the downtown area.

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