

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ADA HAYDEN HERITAGE PARK SERVICE LINE PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

The current water supply at the Ada Hayden Heritage Park north restroom facility is not connected to the City's municipal drinking water system. The restroom facility utilizes its own well and on-site treatment system. This current system is unable to meet the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) standard for a consistent chlorine residual, straying both above and below the acceptable range. As a result, the sinks and water fountains associated with the north restroom have been turned off since 2013. Staff has previously looked into options to retrofit the current system with different technology to meet IDNR standards. Due to the complexity of the system needed for a comparatively small water use, these options were not cost-effective.

This project will consist of connecting the north restroom facility to the City's water distribution system. This had not been an option until recently. With the development occurring adjacent to the northern border of the park, a service line connecting to the Quarry Estates subdivision water main can now provide water to the north restroom facility and drinking fountains. Along with installing the new service line, the project will abandon the current well, remove the current treatment system, and simplify the interior piping in the restroom facility.

This service line project is associated with the Ada Hayden Heritage Park project and was included in the 2015/2016 Capital Improvements Plan. The budget for the service line project is \$104,000. This project was designed by the Water and Pollution Control Department in collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Department, so there are no outside engineering design fees. The project estimate including contingency is \$49,800.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Grant preliminary approval of the plans and specifications and issue a Notice to Bidders, setting January 5, 2016, as the bid due date and January 12, 2016, as the date for public hearing and award.
2. Do not issue preliminary approval of plans and specifications and a notice to bidders at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Ada Hayden Heritage Park is widely used by the City of Ames residents. Currently the water available at the north restroom facility does not meet the Iowa Department of

Natural Resources (IDNR) standards for drinking water. This project would allow the north restroom facilities to connect to the City's water system. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.