

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AMES MUNICIPAL CEMETERY WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT**

**BACKGROUND:**

This program provides funding to enhance the physical appearance and services at the Cemetery. The five-year program for restoration and improvement of the cemetery driving lanes and water service lines began in 2011/12. The water service line and final lane paving is expected to be complete in the spring of 2017.

This project will replace the existing galvanized water services lines within the Municipal Cemetery. Several breaks have occurred in recent years. In the summer of 2016, a significant break occurred that greatly reduced the volume and availability to provide water in a large portion of the cemetery. Staff placed additional signage directing Cemetery customers to the available water locations. This new water service line will be constructed of a more durable material and feature self closing, easy to operate faucet locations across the Cemetery.

Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated project costs of \$67,000. Funding is identified in the 2016/17 Capital Improvements Program in the amount of \$70,000.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Ames Municipal Cemetery Water Service Line Replacement Project by establishing March 22, 2017, as the date of letting and March 28, 2017, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not proceed with this project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By approving plans and specifications and setting the letting date, it will be possible to move forward with the water service line replacement prior to Memorial Day in 2017.

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