

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: RIVER VALLEY PARK SOFTBALL INFIELD RENOVATION PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

This project includes renovation of six softball infields in River Valley Park. Four fields are located in North River Valley Park at 1015 E. 13th Street, and two fields are located in South River Valley Park at 1200 E. 13th Street. The fields were initially constructed in the late 1960's and were renovated in the late 1980's from soil infields to the current infield material. This renovation project will include removal of existing infield material and drainage, relocating irrigation lines, adding new drainage, and installing new infield material to specified depths.

Bolton & Menk, Ames, Iowa, was hired to develop plans and specifications for this project. Project estimates generated by Bolton & Menk determined the cost for the project, including design, observation, and an eight percent contingency, to be \$140,013. On March 7, 2017, the City Council issued a notice of bidders. Bids were opened on April 4, 2017, and are summarized below:

River Valley Park Softball Infield Renovation Bids	
Bidder	Bid Amount
Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Des Moines, IA	\$108,900
Iowa Athletic Field Construction, Webster City, IA	\$167,000

The FY 2016/17 budget appropriated \$140,000 to renovate all six infields at River Valley Park. Updated project details and costs are shown below:

Infield Renovation	\$ 108,900
Bolton & Menk Design & Observation Assistance	<u>\$ 21,375</u>
Total Cost:	\$130,275

City staff and the architect have reviewed the bids, budget and qualifications, have checked references for similar projects completed by Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, and recommend awarding the River Valley Park Softball Field Renovation Project to them. The contractor is proposing to start the project September 5, 2017 and complete the work by November 11, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award the contract for the River Valley Softball Infield Renovation Project to Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management of Des Moines, Iowa in the amount of \$108,900.
2. Do not award the River Valley Softball Infield Renovation Project to Iowa Cubs

Sports Turf Management of Des Moines, Iowa.

3. Accept the report of bids and do not award a contract at this time.
4. Reject all bids and direct staff to rebid the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The softball fields have been a critical component of providing a quality softball program for many years, and that is why it is necessary for the renovation to take place. Over the last five years, many improvements have taken place to provide a great experience for users. These include replacing the fencing on all six fields, replacing the irrigation on all six fields, replacing the scoreboards, adding a shelter and playground in South River Valley, renovating the concession stand in North River Valley and replacing the lights in South River Valley. The infield renovation is the last step in providing a quality, safe experience for softball users.

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