

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL CEMETERY LANE IMPROVEMENTS**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Capital Improvement Plan reflects funding to enhance the physical appearance and services at the Cemetery. The five-year plan for restoration and improvement of the driving lanes and water service lines began in 2011/12. The water service line and final lane paving (this project) is expected to be completed in the spring of 2017.

This project will replace the existing asphalt surface along the northern loop and ancillary side lanes of the northern part of the Cemetery. The existing Cemetery lanes have deteriorated due to age and freeze/thaw conditions of Iowa winters. This project will involve the removal of the upper two inches of asphalt and replacement with new asphalt. Also included were add alternate bids to perform additional paving work if funding allows. Work will be completed either entirely before Memorial Day or after Memorial Day since it is the busiest time in the Municipal Cemetery.

On April 19, 2017 bids for the project were received as follows:

<b><i>Bidder</i></b>	<b><i>Base Bid Amount</i></b>	<b><i>Alternate 1: 9<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance</i></b>	<b><i>Alternate 2: Oakwood 5 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition</i></b>	<b><i>Alternate 3: Shop Area</i></b>
Engineer's estimate	\$181,000.00	\$23,985.00	\$10,504.00	\$25,181.00
Manatts, Inc.	\$184,038.30	\$23,800.50	\$13,352.00	\$53,267.50

Based off available funding Staff recommends the awarding the Base Bid only in the amount of \$184,038.30. Funding of \$187,000 is identified from this program in the Capital Improvements Plan. The Base Bid will address concerns in the northern loop and ancillary side lanes. The alternate bids can be programmed in a future Capital Improvement Plan.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. a.) Accept the report of bids for the Ames Municipal Cemetery Lane Improvement Project.  
  
b.) Approve the final plans and specifications for this project.  
  
c.) Award the Ames Municipal Cemetery Lane Improvement Project to Manatt's, Inc., of Ames, IA in the amount of \$184,038.30

2. Do not proceed with this project.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By approving plans and specifications and setting the letting date, it may be possible to move forward with the lane improvement project 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.