

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: LIME PONDS/ASH PONDS FENCE INSTALLATION

BACKGROUND:

The Water Treatment Plant's Lime Ponds and the Power Plant's Ash Ponds are located near a newly constructed Shared Use Path along Skunk River. These ponds are not intended for recreational use and pose a safety hazard for those unfamiliar with the area. To mitigate the risk presented by public usage of the Shared Use Path, the Water & Pollution Control and Electric Services Departments have prepared plans and specifications for the installation of a chain link fence to enclose the Lime Ponds and Ash Ponds. On March 6, 2018, Council issued a notice to bidders for the installation of a chain link fence around these facilities.

On April 3, 2018, staff opened bids for the project. The two bids received are shown below:

Bidder	Total Project Bid Price
<i>Cost Estimate</i>	\$ 73,000
Midwest Fence and Gate	\$ 61,988
American Fence Company	\$ 64,899

The bids received were consistent with a previously obtained cost estimate and staff believes they are reflective of the true cost of the work.

This project is included in the FY 17/18 Water Plant Capital Improvements Plan at \$40,000 as part of the Water Plant Facility Improvements project and in the FY 17/18 Electric Services Operations Budget at \$40,000 as part of the Ash Pond Maintenance. A summary of the funding sources available is shown below:

Funding Sources:

FY 17/18 – WTP Facility Improvements	\$ 40,000
FY 17/18 – Power Plant Ash Pond Maintenance	\$ 40,000
<u>Total Funds Available</u>	<u>\$ 80,000</u>

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract for installation of chain link fencing at the Water Treatment Plant's Lime Ponds/Power Plant's Ash Ponds to Midwest Fence and Gate of Fort Dodge, Iowa, in the amount of \$61,988.
2. Award a contract to the second low bidder.
3. Do not award a contract at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Construction of the Shared Use Path near these Lime Ponds and Ash Ponds introduced a safety hazard that had previously not existed. The installation of a chain link fence around these facilities will be a cost-effective method for reducing the risk of injury to those unfamiliar with the area. It is important that this project remain on schedule to allow for installation during the current construction season.

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