

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF 161 KV TRANSMISSION LINE FROM AMES PLANT TO NE ANKENY FOR IOWA D.O.T. - CONTRACT COMPLETION

BACKGROUND

The Iowa Department of Transportation is carrying out two highway improvement projects along Interstate 35 at the Highway 30 interchange and in the vicinity of the Skunk River. These two projects required the relocation of a portion of the new Ames 161kV transmission line. **All costs associated with this relocation project will be covered by the Iowa Department of Transportation.**

On September 13, 2016, City Council awarded a contract to Hooper Corporation, Madison, WI, for this project in the amount of \$995,032.43. **Council should note that the actual project cost total is \$950,032.43, which is less than the total contract amount by \$45,000.** This is due to unused construction allowance funds built into the contract.

The Engineer's estimate for both projects was \$870,000. All engineering and construction expenses for both relocation projects will be reimbursed by IDOT. At the time the FY 2015/16 Capital Improvements Plan was approved, \$800,000 was included for engineering and construction for only one project, Skunk River, entitled the "161 kV Line Relocation" project. Since that time, the IDOT requested that a second section of line, the I-35/Hwy 30 relocation segment, also be relocated.

While no funds were budgeted for the I-35/Hwy 30 relocation segment, the IDOT staff had committed to reimburse the City for both projects. **The City budget has been amended to accommodate the addition of the second location.** To date, the DOT has reimbursed the City for all expenses billed to them, totaling \$931,360. The City plans to send one final bill, of roughly \$155,000, to DOT shortly.

All of the requirements of the contract have been met by Hooper Corporation, and the Engineer has provided a certificate of completion.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Accept completion of the contract with Hooper Corporation, Madison, WI, for the Ames Plant to NE Ankeny 161 kV Transmission Line Iowa DOT Relocation at a total cost of \$950,032.43.
- 2) Delay acceptance of this contract.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The contractor for this project has completed all of the work specified under the contract, and the Engineer has issued a certificate of completion on the work.

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