

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SOUTH GRAND AVENUE EXTENSION – TREE CLEARING

BACKGROUND:

This project is part of the extension of South Grand Avenue from S 3rd Street to S 16th Street and associated projects to extend S 5th Street and for intersection improvements at S 16th Street/S Duff Avenue. The projects have been broken into three phases to allow for potential flexibility in timing of construction and funding. The work covered by this CAF is part of Phase 2, in bold below:

- 1) S. 5th St extension and the portion of S. Grand Ave from Squaw Creek Drive (the existing dead end) to S. 5th St.
- 2) **S Grand Ave South of S. 5th Street (this portion includes two bridges to accommodate Squaw Creek under the roadway).**
- 3) Reconstruction and widening additional turn lanes at S. Duff Ave and S. 16th St.

The City Council and DOT have awarded this project (Phase 2, above) to Peterson Contractors Inc (PCI) of Reinbeck, Iowa, in the amount of \$9,368,716.27. Due to the timing the project having a late start date of April 6, 2020, the City staff has intentionally removed the tree clearing bid item from the contract because **Indiana Bat Protection Rules require tree clearing work to be performed between October 1st and March 31st.** In following the Ames Purchasing Policies and Procedures, staff issued a request for tree clearing quotes for completion of tree clearing prior to April 1, 2020.

Quotes for this work were originally received from two tree removal companies in March 11, 2020 as follow:

Quotes	Fee
Weiss Tree Service Inc.	\$ 49,500
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The City of Ames awarded the contract to Weiss Tree Service Inc. of Nevada, Iowa, in the amount of \$49,500 to perform the tree clearing. During the tree clearing operations, City staff discovered that there was an area not included in the contact that would also need to be cleared. **Change Order No. 1 (this action)** was for Weiss Tree Service Inc. to clear the extra area in the amount not to exceed \$8,000. Tree Clearing was **completed in the amount of \$57,500.** All the work on this contract has been completed and PCI has started to work on the South Grand Avenue Extension project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a.) Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$8,000.
 - b.) Accept the South Grand Avenue Extension - Tree Clearing project as completed by Weiss Tree Service Inc. of Nevada, Iowa in the amount of \$57,500.
2. Direct Staff to pursue changes to the project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By completing this tree clearing, the contractor was allowed to start construction of S. Grand Avenue Extension by the late start date of April 6, 2020 with an anticipated project completion by Fall 2021.

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