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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR EMMA MCCARTHY LEE PARK TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS RENOVATION PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

This project includes converting two of the tennis courts at Emma McCarthy Lee Park, 3400 Ross Rd., into six pickleball courts. The project also includes crack repair on the entire court surface, resurfacing the entire tennis court and pickleball surface with corresponding boundary markings, and installation of posts and nets. The project is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2023.

Specifications were sent out on February 13, 2023, and staff received three bids on March 7, 2023, which are summarized below.

Contractor	Bid Amount
Upper Midwest Athletic Construction, Inc., Andover, Minnesota	\$76,375
Tennis Courts Unlimited, Inc., Nebraska City, Nebraska	\$85,570
Pro Track and Tennis Inc., Bennington, Nebraska	\$124,000

Plans, specifications, and a cost estimate were developed by Snyder & Associates, Ankeny, Iowa. Snyder & Associates will also be providing construction oversight to ensure the project is being completed to meet specifications. Fencing will be installed as part of overall project but specifications were not part of this bid package. Bid specifications will be sent out in late March. The Engineer's estimate for this project is as follows:

Engineer's Project Estimate	Amount
Court Surfacing	\$ 76,770
Owner Provided Items (nets, net posts, anchors, etc.)	\$ 6,390
Fencing	\$ 16,680
Contingency	\$ 5,668
Engineering	\$ 13,500
Bid Project Estimate	\$119,008

Total funding available for this project is \$126,700 which is ample to cover estimated costs for this project. Additionally, staff has submitted a grant application to Wellmark for \$100,000 to enhance the project by adding windscreens, a storage shed, and upgrading court lighting. Grant awards will be announced May 15, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to Upper Midwest Athletic Construction, Inc., Andover, Minnesota, for the Emma McCarthy Lee Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts Renovation Project in the amount of \$76,375.
2. Award a contract to the second low bidder.
3. Accept the report of bids, but do not award a contract at this time.
4. Reject all bids for the project and direct staff to rebid the project.
5. Refer back to staff.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America and currently players in Ames are utilizing tennis courts that have pickleball lines painted on the tennis courts. This project addresses a need in the community by providing designated regulation pickleball courts and nets while still providing two regulation tennis courts at Emma McCarthy Lee Park. **Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.**