

ITEM#: 42
 DATE: 06-13-23
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2020/21 RIGHT-OF-WAY RESTORATION (STANDARD VEGETATION)

BACKGROUND:

This program is for restoration of the right-of-way areas associated with various Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) projects. Disturbed ROW areas are restored using seed or dormant seed. Success using these various types of restoration is volatile and depends primarily on the weather at and following the time of installation. The ROW Restoration program allows staff to bring in one contractor who specializes in seeding to restore several locations with improved quality.

Staff has seen success in the program and has utilized observations from previous programs to improve this year's plans and specifications to provide a better overall project for the contractors, field inspection staff, and residents.

Change Order 1 was approved by City Council April 27, 2021, in the amount of \$31,813.35. At the time this was the estimated cost to add four more project locations into the Right of Way Restoration contract.

Change Order 2 (balancing) reflects the final field measured quantity resulting in a contract reduction of (\$42,408.46). This reduction was largely due to the reduction in the amount of waterings and temporary stabilizations needed to establish the vegetation.

This contract has been completed and any further right of way restoration is under a new contract. Revenue and expenses associated with this program are estimated as follows:

Funding Source	Available Revenue	Estimated Expenses
Road Use Tax	\$ 125,000	
Water Utility Fund	75,000	
Sewer Utility Fund	75,000	
Storm Sewer Utility Fund	50,000	
2020/21 ROW Restoration (Standard Vegetation)		\$ 96,175.65
Change Order 1		31,813.35
Change Order 2 (Balancing)		(42,408.46)
Total for Standard Vegetation		\$85,580.54
2020/21 ROW Restoration (Native Vegetation)		35,326.38
Engineering		26,500.00
TOTALS	\$ 325,000	\$ 147,406.92

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a. Approve Change Order 2 for the 2020/21 Right of Way Restoration (Standard Vegetation), a contract reduction in the amount of \$42,408.46.
- b. Accept the 2020/21 Right of Way Restoration (Standard Vegetation) as completed by Country Landscapes, of Ames, Iowa in the amount of \$85,580.54.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project has been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.