

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2007/08 CLEAR WATER DIVERSION PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

The Clear Water Diversion program involves diverting footing drain discharge from sanitary sewers to storm sewers. This diversion results in lower volumes of clean water needing treatment at the sewage treatment facility, thereby decreasing operating and maintenance costs of that facility. In addition, customers should experience fewer and less severe sewer backups.

The locations for the 2007/08 Clear Water Diversion Program included portions of: 10th Street, Arbor Street, Ash Avenue, Donald Street, Garden Road, Colorado Avenue, Garner Avenue, Kingman Road, Knapp Avenue, Lynn Avenue, Storm Street, Narland Drive, Ross Road, Trail Ridge Road, West Street, and Woodland Street.

On September 11, 2007, City Council awarded the contract to Ames Trenching and Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$202,892.00. Construction was estimated to be completed in the amount of \$204,673.10. This project was shown in the 2007/08 approved budget with financing in the amount of \$200,000 from Sewer Utility Fund. Unused funds in the estimated amount of \$114,000 from the 2004/05 Clear Water Diversion program were also used for this project. The remaining money will be used to fund the footing drain grants to individual homeowners.

The project is substantially complete. On December 18, 2008, Public Works received a request from Ames Trenching and Excavating, Inc. to reduce the amount of project retention from \$10,182.86 to \$2,432.00. Remaining work to be completed as part of the contract includes placement of approximately 6,080 square feet of compost seeding at an estimate value of \$1,216.00. The amount of retention remaining meets the requirement of a minimum of 200% of the value of the work to complete that must be withheld. This request also meets criteria of Section 26.13 of the Code of Iowa for substantial completion of the project and all paperwork required, per the Code of Iowa, to approve the request has been received by the Public Works Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Reduce project retainage for the 2007/08 Clear Water Diversion Program to \$2,432.00.
2. Maintain project retainage for the 2007/08 Clear Water Diversion Program in the amount of \$10,182.86.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby reducing the project retainage for the 2007/08 Clear Water Diversion Program to \$2,432.00.