

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE QWEST 36-MONTH PRIVATE DATA LINE AGREEMENT

BACKGROUND:

The City of Ames has four Qwest Communications private data lines that provide telephone and data services to Fire Station #3, CyRide, Fire Station #2, and Parks & Recreation Gateway Office. The current contract for this service is up for renewal. The present rate is \$1,308.85 per month. The new Qwest monthly rates, depending on the contract term, are as follows:

12 Months \$1,308.85
24 Months \$1,281.25
36 Months \$1,226.95

By signing a 36-month agreement, the City would save approximately \$982.80 per year or \$2,948.40 over the term of a 36-month agreement.

Because the proposed contract covers more than one year, City Council approval is required.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve an agreement between the City of Ames and Qwest Communications for a 36-month period to provide private data lines to the City of Ames at a cost of \$1,226.95 per month, or \$14,723.40 per year.
2. Approve an agreement between the City of Ames and Qwest Communications for a 12-month period to provide private data lines to the City of Ames at a cost of \$1,308.85 per month, or \$15,706.20 per year.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving a 36-month agreement between the City of Ames and Qwest Communications to obtain private data lines at a total cost of \$44,170.20, the City will save \$2,948.40 over three years.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving an agreement between the City of Ames and Qwest Communications for a 36-month period to provide private data lines to the City of Ames at a cost of \$1,226.95 per month, or \$14,723.40 per year.