

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 13TH STREET AND GRAND AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL COMPLETION

BACKGROUND:

This is the program for intersection improvements along U.S. Highway 69 within and just outside City limits, in order to alleviate congestion and reduce potential accidents. Included in the 2008/09 Capital Improvements Plan was a project for the replacement of the 13th Street and Grand Avenue traffic signal system. This project included full replacement of the traffic signal system including all poles, equipment, and in-street loop detection. Due to minor right-of-way needs, the project also included a retaining wall on the northeast corner of the intersection.

On December 10, 2009, City Council awarded the contract to Voltmer, Inc. of Decorah, Iowa, in the amount of \$190,974.08. Construction has been completed in the amount of \$191,095.06. Engineering and land acquisition costs were in the amount of \$77,790.65, bringing total project costs to \$268,885.71. This project was shown in the 2008/09 approved budget with financing in the amount of \$197,500 from the Road Use Tax Fund. Additional funding for this project came from an Iowa DOT USTEP grant for 55% of the estimated construction costs, which is in the amount of \$105,102.28.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the 2008/09 US69 Intersection Improvements (13th Street and Grand Avenue Traffic Signal) as completed by Voltmer, Inc. of Decorah, Iowa, in the amount of \$191,095.06.
2. Direct staff to pursue modifications to the project.

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, thereby accepting the 2008/09 US69 Intersection Improvements (13th Street and Grand Avenue Traffic Signal) as completed by Voltmer, Inc. of Decorah, Iowa, in the amount of \$191,095.06.