

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2008/09 DOWNTOWN STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS
(BURNETT AVENUE FROM MAIN STREET TO 7TH STREET)**

BACKGROUND:

This annual capital improvements program is for the rehabilitation/reconstruction of streets within the downtown area (Lincoln Way to 7th Street and Grand Avenue to Duff Avenue). The 1996/97 Downtown Improvements Study recommended several improvement projects in the downtown area. Since that time, Main Street, 5th Street, and 6th Street have all benefited from improvement projects recommended by the Study. These projects involved pavement reconstruction, rehabilitation of storm and sanitary sewers, and streetscapes. This project will meet the recommendations of the Downtown Improvements Study for the side streets in the downtown area. The initial phase of this program on Kellogg Avenue from Lincoln Way to Main Street is currently under construction, and the portion from Lincoln Way to the railroad tracks has already been completed.

The 2008/09 project location is Burnett Avenue from Main Street to 7th Street. The project will consist of reconstruction of the roadway with eight-inch concrete paving. The project also includes sidewalk and street lighting enhancements along the corridor, as well as utility rehabilitation/replacement. A two-foot strip of colored concrete will be placed behind the back of curb from Main Street to 5th Street, as coordinated with the Main Street Cultural District (MSCD). Staff has worked closely with the MSCD and area businesses to establish the timing of this construction, as well as to discuss the level of streetscape aesthetics for the project.

On Wednesday, March 17, 2010, bids were received as follows:

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 835,000.00
Con-Struct, Inc.	\$ 620,646.08
Van Hauen & Associates	\$ 696,379.50
Jasper Construction Services, Inc.	\$ 738,509.26
H&W Contracting LLC	\$ 979,038.20

Engineering and construction administration fees are estimated at \$127,000, bringing total estimated costs to \$748,000. This project is shown in the 2008/09 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) with financing established in the amount of \$750,000 from General Obligation Bonds. The project also includes installation of conduit and light pole footings for Electric Services in the amount of \$14,733 from the Electric fund as designated in the 2008/09 CIP. Finally, the project will utilize funding in the amounts of

\$33,527 from the 2008/09 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program and \$69,352 from the 2008/09 Water System Improvements Program.

It is important to note that the MSCD has recommended to City staff that decorative lighting in the Downtown Business District be installed only between 6th Street to Lincoln Way. Therefore, Electric Services will follow up with this project by installing decorative street lights from 6th Street to Main Street along Burnett Avenue.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2008/09 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Burnett Avenue – Main Street to 7th Street).
 - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the 2008/09 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Burnett Avenue – Main Street to 7th Street).
 - c. Award the 2008/09 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Burnett Avenue – Main Street to 7th Street) to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$620,646.08.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving this project, it will be possible to restore the structural integrity of this section of Burnett Avenue and provide improved aesthetics and streetscape. These steps address the Council’s goal to strengthen the Downtown area. Construction is to be completed by fall 2010 in accordance with input received from the MSCD.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the 2008/09 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Burnett Avenue – Main Street to 7th Street) to Con-Struct, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$620,646.08.