

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2010/11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC FACILITIES NEIGHBORHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (NORTH 4th STREET)

BACKGROUND:

This project is part of the City's 2010/11 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan to pave an existing gravel street. The street to be paved is North 4th Street, which is in a targeted census tract where at least 51% of the residents have income at or below 80% of the Story County median income limits.

The Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (curb, streets, sidewalks, etc.) is in targeted low- and moderate-income census tracts. The objective will be to replace and/or repair curbs, driveway approaches, sidewalks, and/or street resurfacing areas that have deteriorated and are causing premature pavement failure. The overall goal of the program is to preserve and enhance the viability and aesthetics of our core existing neighborhoods.

On Wednesday, July 21, 2010, bids were received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount without bid alternate</u>	<u>Amount with bid alternate</u>
Engineer's Estimate	\$319,500.00	\$377,500.00
Manatt's, Inc.	\$315,507.00	\$375,559.70

This project included a bid alternate for removing and replacing the existing concrete at the intersection of N. Hazel Ave. and N. 4th Street. This alternate was added due to the possibility of lower bids to maximize the CDBG funding. Since the main intent of this project was to pave the gravel portions of the roadway and since bids were not lower than the available budget, the bid alternate is not being recommended.

The project is established with financing in the amount of \$325,000 from CDBG funds. Engineering and construction administration estimated at \$50,000 will be covered by remaining G.O. Bond funds in the 2008/09 Asphalt Pavement Improvements Program.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2010/11 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (North 4th Street).
- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the 2010/11 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (North 4th Street).

- c. Award the 2010/11 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (North 4th Street) to Manatt's, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$315,507, without the bid alternate.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By awarding this project, the City of Ames will continue to strengthen and improve its neighborhoods.

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 2010/11 CDBG Public Facilities Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program (North 4th Street) to Manatt's, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$315,507, without the bid alternate.