

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2010/11 DOWNTOWN STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS  
(KELLOGG AVENUE FROM MAIN STREET TO 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND MAIN  
STREET FROM ALLAN DRIVE TO CLARK AVENUE)**

**BACKGROUND:**

This annual program is for the rehabilitation/reconstruction of streets within the downtown area (Lincoln Way to 7th Street and Grand Avenue to Duff Avenue). The Downtown Improvements Study recommended several improvement projects in the downtown area. Since that time, Main Street, 5th Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Kellogg Avenue, and Burnett Avenue have all benefited from improvement projects identified by the Downtown Improvements Study. These projects involved pavement reconstruction, rehabilitation of storm and sanitary sewers, and streetscapes.

The 2010/11 project locations are Kellogg Avenue (Main Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street) and Main Street (Allan Drive to Clark Avenue). This project will include replacement of the roadway pavement, replacement of the sidewalk along Kellogg Avenue, placement of a strip of colored concrete behind curb, basic design for Electric including conduit and handholes, ornamental street lights (Main to 6th) as well as sanitary and storm sewer rehabilitation/replacement.

Staff requested engineering proposals for several drainage and street improvements, including this project. Through this process the City received nine proposals from engineering firms. Civil Design Advantage is being recommended to complete the design for this project due to their extensive project knowledge and approach. Their proposal included details about the project design that was reflective of their experience working in downtown Ames, including on the reconstruction of Kellogg Avenue from Lincoln Way to Main Street.

Services to be performed by the consultant include base survey, evaluation of construction techniques, preparation of plans and specifications to meet local bidding requirements, conducting public informational meetings, notification/coordination with right-of-way users and adjacent land owners, and attendance at the pre-construction meeting.

This project is included in the approved budget for \$1,500,000 from G.O. Bonds and \$110,000 from Electric Funds.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the engineering services contract with Civil Design Advantage of Grimes, Iowa, for the 2010/11 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$162,618.
2. Direct staff to pursue other design options.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By approving this engineering services contract, the survey and design for this project can commence immediately to ensure 2011 construction. Staff will coordinate with the adjacent land owners, including the Main Street Cultural District, to identify any special needs that might be accommodated during the construction process.

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the engineering services contract with Civil Design Advantage of Grimes, Iowa, for the 2010/11 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$162,618.