

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CHESTNUT STREET MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS (BETWEEN APPLEBEE'S & AMES COMMUNITY BANK)

BACKGROUND:

The attached letter from Pat Brown was referred to staff on March 15, 2011. This letter asks for approval of median landscaping work on the Chestnut Street median located between Applebee's and Ames Community Bank, and includes a landscaping plan for the median from Country Landscapes. The letter also states that the work will be completely privately funded. Renderings of the plan have been included for review. Also, included is an aerial map showing the location of the median.

Public Works staff has reviewed the proposed planting plan since the plantings would be located within the public right-of-way maintained by the City. Staff has determined that the plan is appropriate for this location. Since this landscaping replaces existing landscaping, there would be no increase in maintenance responsibilities. In addition, there does not appear to be any conflict with traffic sight-lines due to the recessed location of the median on Chestnut Street.

A right-of-way excavation permit will need to be filed with the Public Works Department prior to this work commencing. This permit will require appropriate traffic control for the work.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the proposed plan for work on the Chestnut Street median with completely private funding.
2. Approve the proposed plan for work on the Chestnut Street median and direct staff to locate City funding for the project.
3. Reject the project

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The proposed plan works to beautify an entryway area in the City. This project is a great example of private/public partnership to enhance the City of Ames.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the proposed plan for work on the Chestnut Street median with private funding.



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PROPOSAL #: 0182561
SALESPERSON: Ward Wester
CUSTOMER NO: PATINS
ORDER DATE: 1/28/2011

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JOB TITLE: **JANUARY 2011 - CHESTNUT ST. MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

Sold To:

PAT BROWN INSURANCE
1112 BUCKEYE AVE
AMES, IA 50010

Ship To:

CHESTNUT ST. MEDIAN
CHESTNUT ST
AMES, IA 50010

01. MEDIAN BED

ITEM	QTY	SIZE
BED LAYOUT/SOD REMOVAL	1.000	LS
NATURAL EDGE	341.000	LNFT
DEWITT WEED BARRIER	360.000	SQFT
4-9" COBBLESTONE	360.000	SQFT
SHREDDED OAK MULCH-AMES	1,150.000	SQFT
PREEN - PRE EMERGENT	1,150.000	SQFT
BERM BLOCK (6) 3' x 2' x 20" BLOCKS	6.000	TON
ASSORTED DAYLILY	65.000	EACH
SPIREA, TOR BIRCHLEAF	24.000	15" POT
FOUNTAIN GRASS, CHINESE	10.000	#1 CNT

SECTION TOTAL: \$12,990.00

WE PROPOSE to furnish material and labor in accordance with the above specifications for the sum of \$ 13,899.30.
A minimum deposit of \$ 3,474.83 is due with signed proposal before work can be scheduled.
In the event that the specified varieties or sizes of nursery stock are not available, we reserve the right to make substitutions of variety and size at no additional cost when such substitutions do not compromise the integrity of the design. If no substitutions are available, the items will be backordered to be installed and invoiced as a separate job. Invoicing will occur either at completion or at month's end (for projects exceeding one month in duration).

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Net Order: 12,990.00

Sales Tax: 909.30

Order Total: 13,899.30

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL - The above prices, specifications, and conditions (including those in Attachment A) are satisfactory and are hereby accepted.
Country Landscapes, Inc. is authorized to do the work as specified.
\$ _____ is hereby paid as a deposit with check # _____
The balance of received invoices will be paid within 10 days of invoice date.
A finance charge of 1 1/2 % per month, which is an annual percentage rate of 18%, will be charged on accounts over 30 days past due.

Date of Acceptance: _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

*This proposal may be subject to repricing after *** 2/27/2011 ****

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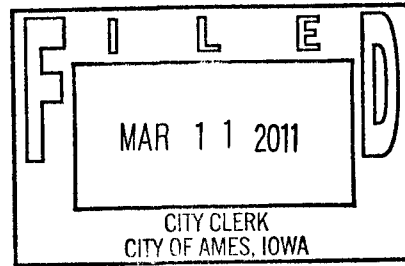
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Ames, Iowa 50010

March 11, 2011

To the Mayor and City Council:



Please consider the plan for the median between Appleby's and Ames Community Bank.

Upon your approval of the plan, Country Landscapes will begin the work. The renovation of the median will be privately funded.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,







