

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SALE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1013 ADAMS STREET

BACKGROUND:

On June 28, 2011, Council adopted a resolution proposing the sale of City property located at 1013 Adams Street by auction and establishing a minimum bid of \$125,000.

Four open houses were held for those interested in touring the home. Over 450 persons attended the open houses. Marketing/educational brochures were distributed at the open houses and listed on the City's web site. Channel 12 continually aired information about the upcoming sale, paid advertisements were placed in local media publications, and the sale was listed on unique web sites where people typically search nationally for historic properties.

The auction was held on July 27, 2011, with three bidders competing to purchase the property. Bidders were required to (1) submit a pre-approved letter of financing, (2) file a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, bank draft, money order, or warrant in the amount of \$5,000, and (3) sign a disclosure form acknowledging that the bidder was aware that the property contains lead-based paint. The person bidding the highest was Debra Spohnheimer of New York, NY, with a bid of \$145,000.

You will recall that the all of the City's expenses will be deducted from the sale price, and the net proceeds will then be distributed to the Ames Historical Society.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the bid of \$145,000 and proceed with the steps to complete the sale of the property at 1013 Adams Street to Debra Spohnheimer.
2. Reject the bid of \$145,000.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Since the time this property was bequeathed to the City in the Mary Adams estate, great effort has gone into balancing concerns for park access, historic preservation, and supporting the Ames Historical Society. With this sale, those efforts can now be brought to a successful conclusion.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby accepting the bid of \$145,000 and directing the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents to facilitate the sale of 1013 Adams Street to Debra Spohnheimer.