

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2011/12 AMES MUNICIPAL CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS – FENCING PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

This project is for construction of a black ornamental fence along the 13th Street, Maxwell Avenue, and Crawford Avenue bordering the Ames Municipal Cemetery.

The existing chain-link fence has bordered the cemetery for at least 40 years. Five years ago, in an effort to improve the appearance of this unsightly fence, City crews painted it. This measure proved successful for only a few years; however, the fence is once again rusting and unsightly. The labor-intensive effort of painting the fence was not cost-effective.

The powder-coated fence that is proposed is expected to last many years with minimal maintenance. In addition, the decorative fence will enhance the appearance of this City-owned property and be visually appealing to the neighborhood and those who travel along 13th Street.

This project is shown in 2011/12 Capital Improvements Plan in the amount of \$60,000 from Local Option Sales Tax. Costs are estimated at \$52,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2011/12 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements – Fencing Project by establishing March 7, 2012, as the date of letting and March 27, 2012, as the date for report of bids.
2. Direct Staff to revise the project.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project will improve the appearance of the Ames Municipal Cemetery and enhance the neighborhood. The fence will be installed prior to Memorial Day activities in May.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council accept Alternative No. 1, thereby approving 2011/12 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements – Fencing Project by establishing March 7, 2012, as the date of letting and March 27, 2012, as the date for report of bids.