

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, and unfortunately 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.

On March 7, 2012, bids on this project were received as follows:

Engineer's Estimate	\$52,000.00
Taylor Fencing	\$42,935.00
Elite Fencing & Railing	\$43,775.00
Des Moines Steel Fence Co. Inc.	\$45,764.00
Huber Fencing LLC	\$46,524.84
Midwest Fence & Gate Co.	\$47,498.00
Classic Post & Rail	\$48,440.00
The Door & Fence Store	\$50,818.35
Patriot Fence	\$52,240.00
American Fence Co.	\$54,800.00
American Fence and Pool	\$65,990.34
U.S. Fence & Gate, Inc.	\$71,350.00

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

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2011/12 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements – Fencing Project.
 - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the 2011/12 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements – Fencing Project.
 - c. Award the 2011/12 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements – Fencing Project to Taylor Fencing of Clio, Iowa, in the amount of \$42,935.00.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

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 2011/12 Ames Municipal Cemetery Improvements – Fencing Project to Taylor Fencing of Clio, Iowa, in the amount of \$42,935.00