

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2011/12 DOWNTOWN STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS
(DOUGLAS AVENUE – MAIN STREET TO 7TH STREET)

BACKGROUND:

The annual Downtown Street Pavement Improvements program is for rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of streets within the downtown area. The 2011/12 program location is Douglas Avenue (from Main Street to 7th Street). The project includes removal and replacement of the existing pavement; storm and sanitary sewer improvements; new water main from Main Street to 7th Street; new angled parking at the Public Library, which increases the capacity from eight spaces to 13 spaces and includes two dedicated handicap parking stalls; and a ribbon of colored sidewalk concrete to match the previously constructed areas of downtown. This project includes bulb-out areas and colored concrete at the intersections to provide a similar feel to the other sections of downtown, as well as updated street lighting.

City staff held project information meetings, which included area businesses, the Main Street Cultural District (MSCD), Library staff, and the architect and engineer for the library expansion, as well as downtown residents to discuss the construction staging. The project has been staged to maintain access to all businesses during construction and is scheduled to complete the 500 block of Douglas during the fall of 2012, ahead of the projected Library expansion project (as requested by the Library). Staff has also worked closely with the MSCD to coordinate project scheduling with the many events that occur in the area during the construction season. The 400 block will be constructed after the Octagon Festival, but completed prior to the July 4th parade in 2013.

On August 22, 2012, bids on this project were received as follows:

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,262,349.50
Con-Struct	\$1,215,016.00
Carstensen Contracting	\$1,280,521.55
Manatts	\$1,320,539.80
Raccoon Valley Contractors	\$1,372,000.00

A fifth bid proposal was received, but due to the omission of one price bid item, it has been determined to be non-responsive.

To date, the costs associated with this project include the following:

Engineering and Construction Administration (estimated)	\$ 92,000.00
Civil Design Advantage (engineering services)	\$ 78,200.00
Construction (low bid)	<u>\$1,215,016.00</u>
Total Base Costs	\$1,385,216.00

The project funding is summarized below:

11/12 General Obligation Bonds	\$ 750,000.00
2009 General Obligation Bonds (unobligated)	\$ 240,000.00
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 258,000.00
Water Fund	\$ 110,200.00
Electric (Street Lighting)	<u>\$ 75,000.00</u>
Total Funding	\$1,433,200.00

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2011/12 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Douglas Avenue from Main Street to 7th Street).
- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for the 2011/12 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Douglas Avenue from Main Street to 7th Street).
- c. Award the 2011/12 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Douglas Avenue from Main Street to 7th Street) to Con-Struct of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,215,016.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By accepting the report of bids, approving the final plans and specifications, and awarding the project, it will be possible to move forward with reconstruction of the 500 block of Douglas Avenue during the 2012/13 construction season, ahead of the Library expansion project as planned with the Library architectural team. Delay of approval and award could delay the reconstruction by at least one year and potentially hamper coordination with the Library project.

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 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (Douglas Avenue from Main Street to 7th Street) to Con-Struct of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$1,215,016.