

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2015/16 RIGHT-OF-WAY RESTORATION CONTRACT

BACKGROUND:

In recent years, Public Works staff has observed and analyzed restoration of the right-of-way areas associated with various Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) projects. Some areas have been restored with sod, while other areas have been restored using seed or dormant seed. Success using these types of restoration is volatile and appears to depend on the weather at the time of installation. In areas where vegetation is not anticipated to be successful, other forms of restoration have been used, such as pervious pavement and colored or standard concrete.

Prior to the 2015 construction season, having restoration as a subcontract in each of the CIP contracts meant restoration would ultimately be the responsibility of each prime contractor. Since the prime contractor's focus is on getting the primary work completed, such as paving or water mains, finishing the project with an exceptional level of restoration frequently has become a lesser priority. To better address the restoration of rights-of-way, a new program was approved in the 2014/15 CIP. Staff has seen success in the new program and has utilized a "lessons learned" approach to this year's plans and specifications in order to provide a better overall project for the bidding contractors, field inspection staff and the citizens of Ames.

Project locations are shown below, although other areas may be added by change order if necessary.

| STREET | FROM | TO | CIP PROGRAM |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Baughman Street | Beedle Dr | Dotson Dr | 2015/16 Asphalt Pavement Improvements |
| Beedle Drive | Lincoln Way | Aplin Rd | |
| Dotson Drive | Lincoln Way | Baughman St | |
| Aplin Road | Beedle Dr | Wellon's Dr | |
| Jeffrey Lane | Harris St | north | |
| Harris Street | Wellon's Dr | East of Jeffrey Ln | |
| Wellon's Drive | Harris St | Aplin Rd | |
| Wellon's Circle | Wellon's Dr | West | |
| Friley Road | Beach Ave | Gaskill Rd | 2015/16 Concrete Pavement Improvements #1 |
| Country Club Blvd. | Pearson Ave | Beach Ave | 2015/16 Water System Improvements #1 |
| E 9th Street | Duff Ave | Carroll Ave | 2015/16 Clear Water Diversion |
| McDonald Drive | Lincoln Way Frontage | North | |
| Duff Avenue | 5th St | 7th St | |
| Clark Avenue | Lincoln Way | Main St | 2015/16 Downtown Pavement Improvements |
| S Duff Avenue | Lincoln Way | S 3rd Ave | 2015/16 Water System Improvements #2 |

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| N 2nd Street | N Riverside Dr | N Maple Ave | 2013/14 Storm Sewer & 15/16 Concrete #2 |
| South Dakota Avenue | Mortensen Rd | Todd Dr | 2015/16 Shared Use Path |
| Oakwood Road | State Ave | Green Hills Dr | Oakwood Road Recreational Trail |
| S Franklin Avenue | Tripp St | Coy St | 2014/15 Seal Coat Pavement Improvements |
| Ashmore Drive | Beach Ave | Ash Ave | |
| Ashmore Circle | | | |
| Ashmore Court | | | |
| Coy Street | S Franklin Ave | West | 2014/15 Asphalt Street Pavement Improvements & 2014/15 Water System Improvements |

On April 20, 2016, bids for the project were received as follows:

| <i>Bidder</i> | <i>Bid Amount</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Engineer's estimate | \$192,940.00 |
| Green Tech of Iowa | \$150,210.00 |
| Central Landscape | \$152,106.55 |
| Country Landscapes, Inc. | \$155,101.00 |
| Miner Hardscape LLC | \$165,557.00 |

Costs associated with this project are estimated to include:

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| Engineering and Construction Administration (Estimated) | \$ 22,532.00 |
| Restoration work | <u>\$ 150,210.00</u> |
| Total Estimated Costs | \$ 172,742.00 |

Project funding is summarized below:

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Road Use Tax | \$ 175,000 |
| Water Utility Fund | \$ 50,000 |
| Sanitary Sewer Utility | <u>\$ 50,000</u> |
| Total Funding | \$ 275,000 |

Any unutilized funds will be allocated to other locations/programs as needed to ensure a properly vegetated right of way.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1a. Accept the report of bids for the 2015/16 Right-of-Way Restoration Contract (Various Locations).
- b. Approve the final plans and specifications for this project.
- c. Award the 2015/16 Right-of-Way Restoration Contract to Green Tech of Iowa of Grimes, Iowa, in the amount of \$150,210.

2. Award the contract to one of the other bidders.
3. Do not proceed with this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Proceeding with this project will make it possible to begin restoration efforts on projects held over from the 2015 construction season, as well as projects planned for the upcoming 2016 construction season.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.