

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: BERNELS & HOTEL ELECTRIC VAULT LID REPLACEMENTS

BACKGROUND:

This project is for the removal and replacement of concrete vault lids at the Bernels alley transformer vault and the Hotel alley transformer vault in the downtown area. These lids were originally installed in the mid-1960's. The steel support members of the lids are showing significant rust and need to be removed. The lids will be replaced using an improved design to provide an extended life span.

Bid documents were issued to twelve companies. The bid was also advertised on the Current Bid Opportunities section of the Purchasing webpage and was sent out to two plan rooms. On August 4, 2016, two bids were received as shown below:

BIDDER	BASE	SALES TAX INCLUDED IN BASE	OPTION
Woodruff Construction, LLC Ames, IA	\$61,700	\$965	No bid
Minturn, Inc. Brooklyn, IA	\$68,500	\$5,000	No bid

Staff reviewed the bids and concluded that the apparent low bid for submitted by Woodruff Construction, LLC of Ames, IA in the amount of \$61,700 is acceptable.

The engineer's estimate for this project is \$60,000. The approved FY 2016/17 operating budget for Underground Systems Improvements contains \$275,000 which will be utilized to cover this project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to Woodruff Construction, LLC, Ames, IA, for the Bernels & Hotel Vault Lid Replacements in the amount of \$61,700.
2. Reject all bids which will delay replacement of the vault lids.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project is needed because the steel support members of the existing concrete vault lids are showing significant rust and need to be removed and replaced with an improved design to provide an extended life span.

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