

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SOUTH KELLOGG VAULT AND U.S. BANK WEST MANHOLE LID REPLACEMENTS

BACKGROUND:

This project is for the removal and replacement of concrete lids at the South Kellogg transformer vault and the U.S. Bank west manhole. 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. This is part of an ongoing, proactive maintenance program Electric Services has undertaken. Failure to maintain these lids could lead to premature failure and cause them to fall into the vault. The lids will be replaced using an improved design to provide an extended life span.

Bid documents were issued to 14 companies. The bid was also advertised on the Current Bid Opportunities section of the Purchasing webpage and was sent out to three plan rooms. On March 15, 2017, three bids were received as shown below:

BIDDER	PRICE	SALES TAX INCLUDED IN PRICE
Minturn, Inc. Brooklyn, IA	\$59,350.00	\$676.00
Woodruff Construction, LLC Ames, IA	\$69,975.00	\$590.00
Communication Technologies LLC Des Moines, IA	\$213,279.89	\$14,929.59

Staff reviewed the bids and concluded that the apparent low bid submitted by Minturn, Inc. of Brooklyn, IA in the amount of \$59,350 is acceptable.

The engineer's estimate for this project is \$60,000. The approved FY 2017/18 operating budget for Underground Systems Improvements contains \$325,000 which will be utilized to cover this project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to Minturn, Inc., Brooklyn, IA, for the South Kellogg Vault and U.S. Bank West Manhole Replacements in the amount of \$59,350.00.
2. Award the contract to one of the other bidders.
3. Reject all bids at this time.

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.