

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **MUNICIPAL CEMETERY LANE IMPROVEMENTS**

BACKGROUND:

This program provides funding to enhance the physical appearance and services at the Cemetery. The five-year program for restoration and improvement of the driving lanes and water service lines began in 2011/12. The water service line and final lane paving (this project) is expected to be completed in the spring of 2017.

This project will replace the existing asphalt surface along the northern loop and ancillary side lanes of the northern part of the Cemetery. The existing Cemetery lanes have deteriorated due to age and freeze/thaw conditions of Iowa winters. This project will involve the removal of the upper two inches of asphalt and replacement with new asphalt. Also included are add alternate bids to perform additional paving work if funding allows. Work will be completed either entirely before Memorial Day or after Memorial Day as that is the busiest time in the Municipal Cemetery.

Staff has completed plans and specifications with estimated project costs of \$181,000. Funding of \$187,000 is available from this program in the Capital Improvements Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Ames Municipal Cemetery Lane Improvement Project by establishing April 19, 2017, as the date of letting and April 25, 2017, as the date for report of bids.
2. Do not proceed with this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving plans and specifications and setting the letting date, it will be possible to move forward with the lane improvement project prior to Memorial Day in 2017.

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