

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE BROOKSIDE PARK PATH LIGHTING PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

This project includes the installation of path lighting adjacent to the shared use paths in Brookside Park, 1325 6<sup>th</sup> St. The project includes the path that runs from 6<sup>th</sup> St. to 13<sup>th</sup> St., the path that enters the park from the east on Ridgewood Ave., and the path that enters the southeast corner of the park at Ridgewood Ave. and 6<sup>th</sup> St. **The shared use path system is an integral part of improving mobility and connectivity through Ames and the lighting will assist in increasing the safety for park users since the park is heavily populated with trees, which restrict the light that gets into the park.** The project is expected to be completed in 2018.

KCL Engineering, West Des Moines, Iowa, was hired to develop specifications, prepare a cost estimate, and provide project management for the lighting project. KCL was tasked with ensuring lighting components are compliant with City of Ames Outdoor Lighting Code.

Bids were solicited to provide all labor, equipment, materials, and other components necessary to complete the Brookside Park Path Lighting in accordance with Plans and Specifications.

<b>Bidders:</b>	<b>Bid Amount:</b>
Van Maanen Electric	\$128,700
Nelson Electric	\$136,640
Jasepering Electric	\$158,000
Voltmer, Inc.	\$158,515
NAI Electrical Contractors	\$174,985
Baker Electric Inc.	\$178,885

**Project Cost and Funding:**

Bid Amount	\$ 128,700
Design Fees	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
<b>Total Estimate</b>	<b>\$ 136,075</b>

City Council approved \$150,000 as part of the FY 2016/17 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The engineer's cost estimate for the project was \$144,075. Therefore, there are sufficient funds to complete the project as specified.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award the Brookside Park Path Lighting contract to Van Maanen Electric, Newton, IA for the bid amount of \$128,700.
2. Award the contract to one of the other bidders.
3. Accept the report of bids but do not award a contract at this time.
4. Reject all bids.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The proposed project is an important addition to Brookside Park, because it alleviates safety concerns regarding how dark it gets during certain times of the year due to the tree canopy. Also, it encourages pedestrians and bicyclists to use the park as a safe connection route instead of using a lighted roadway.

The proposed lighting is compliant with the City of Ames Outdoor Lighting Code. Van Maanen Electric has successfully completed multiple projects for the City including the River Valley Park Softball Field Lighting, Inis Grove Park Sand Volleyball Court Lighting, and the Ames/ISU Ice Arena Lighting Project.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative 1 as described above.

## Proposed Light Fixture

