

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2017/18 DOWNTOWN STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – MAIN STREET ALLEYS (DUFF – DOUGLAS, KELLOGG – BURNETT)**

**BACKGROUND:**

This program is for reconstruction or rehabilitation of downtown streets and alleys. The 2017/18 program locations are the east-west alleys north of Main Street between Duff Avenue and Douglas Avenue and between Kellogg Avenue and Burnett Avenue (see attached map).

This project includes the replacement of the existing alley pavement with 7 inches of new concrete pavement, storm sewer intake improvements, and the filling of existing underground vault spaces. The underground vault spaces are located within the alley adjacent to 301 Main Street (Sheldon Munn building). The owners of that building have agreed to seal off the vault spaces so that they can be filled in and then paved over.

Staff contacted the impacted businesses, held a public meeting, and contacted the Downtown Ames organization and other event organizers to obtain input on upcoming events, staging, and access needs. Comments from those meetings were received and incorporated into the project.

Staff has completed plans and specifications for this project with total estimated construction costs of \$211,107.80. Engineering and construction administration expenses are estimated at \$31,666.17, bringing the **total estimated cost to \$242,773.97**. This project was designed in accordance with the latest specifications and the engineer's estimate is below the Capital Improvement Plan funding amount.

Downtown Street Pavement Improvements are shown in the 2017/18 Capital Improvement Plan with **\$250,000.00 in G.O. Bond funding and \$50,000 in Electric Utility funding**.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the plans and specifications for the 2017/18 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements Project – Main Street Alleys (Duff Avenue – Douglas Avenue, Kellogg Avenue – Burnett Avenue) and establish May 22, 2019 as the date of letting and May 28, 2019 as the date for the report of bids.
2. Do not approve the project.
3. Approve the project with modifications.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The condition of the existing pavement within these alleys has deteriorated and surface drainage is poor. The reconstruction of these alleys will provide improved drainage and access to businesses along Main Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The Ames downtown area is an important economic and small business center in the community, and this investment will enhance downtown business operations and promote development.

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



**LOCATION MAP:**  
**2017/18 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements**  
**Main Street Alleys (Duff - Douglas, Kellogg - Burnett)**



1 inch = 150 feet  
Date: 4/16/2019