

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2020/21 RIGHT-OF-WAY RESTORATION (NATIVE VEGATATION)**

**BACKGROUND:**

This program is for restoration of the right-of-way area associated with the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) project 2018/19 Storm Water Facility (Little Bluestem). This location will have native vegetation established over an extended period of care.

Disturbed ROW areas are restored using seed or dormant seed. Success using these various types of restoration is volatile and appears to depend on the weather at and following the time of installation. The ROW Restoration program (Native Vegetation) allows the City to utilize the expertise of a contractor that specializes in native vegetation to ensure its establishment. Another project—ROW Restoration (Standard Vegetation)—is being bid separately.

Staff has seen success in the program and has utilized observations from previous programs to improve this year's plans and specifications to provide a better overall project for the contractors, field inspection staff and citizens of Ames.

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, bids for the project was received as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$53,625.00
Country Landscapes	\$45,426.25
Alpha Landscapes, LLC	\$68,850.00

One nonresponsive bid was also received. Revenue and expenses associated with this program are shown below.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Available Revenue</b>	<b>Estimated Expenses</b>
Road Use Tax Fund	\$125,000	
Water Utility Fund	75,000	
Sewer Utility Fund	75,000	
Storm Sewer Utility Fund	50,000	
2020/21 ROW Restoration (Standard Vegetation) Construction		\$96,175.65
<b>2020/21 ROW Restoration (Native Vegetation) Construction</b>		<b>45,426.25</b>
Engineering		30,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>	<b>\$172,401.90</b>

Remaining funding will be allocated to other project locations as needed to ensure properly restored rights-of-way.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. a. Accept the report of bid for the 2020/21 Right-of-Way Restoration (Native Vegetation)
- b. Approve final plans and specifications for this project.
- c. Award the 2020/21 Right-of-Way Restoration (Native Vegetation) project to Country Landscapes of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$45,426.25.
2. Do not proceed with this project.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Proceeding with this project will make it possible to begin restoration efforts on the 2018/19 Storm Water Facility (Little Bluestem) as well as on projects planned for the 2021 spring construction season.

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