

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FURNISH CONCRETE VAULTS FOR THE ELECTRIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

BACKGROUND:

The upcoming residential development at the Auburn Trail Subdivision will require four concrete vaults as part of the electric distribution plan to serve the lots. Two additional concrete vaults will be needed as part of a project to replace aging buried electric cables along Beach Avenue, for a total of six vaults.

On January 3, 2022, a Request for Quotation was issued to 129 vendors and advertised on AmesBids to furnish six concrete vaults. On January 17, 2022, two bids were received as shown below:

BIDDER	TOTAL COST
Crest Precast, Inc. La Crescent, Minnesota	\$ 91,121.20
Communication Data Link Grimes, Iowa	\$304,950.00

Staff has reviewed the bids and concluded that the apparent low bid in the amount of \$91,121.20 (inclusive of Iowa sales tax) submitted by Crest Precast, Inc, La Crescent, Minnesota, is acceptable.

The FY 2021/22 Electric Services Underground System Improvements budget contains \$309,781.05 in available funding for this purchase.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to Crest Precast, Inc, La Crescent, Minnesota, for the purchase of six concrete vaults, in the amount of \$91,121.20 (inclusive of Iowa sales tax).
2. Award the contract to the other bidder
3. Reject all bids

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Several concrete vaults are required to complete electric system projects at Auburn Trails Subdivision and on Beach Avenue. City staff has reviewed the bids and has determined that the low bid is acceptable.

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