

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: EMMA MCCARTHY LEE PARK TENNIS COURT RENOVATIONS
INCLUDING PICKLEBALL COURTS**

BACKGROUND:

This project is to convert two of the four tennis courts at Emma McCarthy Lee Park into six pickleball courts. Pickleball has become a very popular sport in Ames and around the country. During the 2019 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) process, local pickleball players requested the Parks and Recreation Commission provide outdoor space specifically for pickleball. Funding for this project, in the amount of \$75,000, was included in FY 2021-22 CIP.

Plans were developed by Snyder & Associates, Ankeny, Iowa, and include crack repair, fence installation, resurfacing and painting the tennis and pickleball courts, and installation of posts and nets. Contractors had until June 30, 2023 to complete the project.

At the bid letting on October 26, 2022, no bids were received for this project even though there were nine companies who requested plans. Snyder & Associates staff is reaching out to the plan holders to determine why they did not submit a bid and if there is anything we need to change in the plans prior to rebidding.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the report of no bids and direct staff to modify the plans and/or the completion date based on feedback from plan holders with the intent to rebid this project at a later date.

2. Do not proceed with this project.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America and currently, players in Ames utilize tennis courts that have pickleball lines painted on the tennis courts. This project addresses a need in the community by providing designated regulation pickleball courts and nets while still providing two regulation tennis courts at Emma McCarthy Lee Park. **Even though no bids were received, staff would recommend continuing to pursue this project by exploring possible modifications to the plans and/or completion date so the project can be rebid in the future.**

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1 as stated above.