

ITEM #: 36  
DATE: 06-11-24  
DEPT: PW

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2024/25 RIGHT-OF-WAY RESTORATION PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND:**

This program is for restoration of the right-of-way areas associated with various Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) projects. Disturbed ROW areas are restored using seed or dormant seed. Success using these various types of restoration techniques and greatly depends on the weather during and the time of installation.

The ROW Restoration program allows the City to bring in one contractor who specializes in seeding to restore several locations with improved quality. 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 residents of Ames. Locations included within this project are typically associated with recently completed capital improvement projects, along with other small projects as needed.

On June 5th, 2024, bids for the project were received as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
Engineer's Estimate	\$184,130.00
<b>Alpha Landscapes</b>	<b>\$108,985.00</b>
Tallgrass Land Stewardship	\$160,490.00
Stevens Erosion Control	\$113,272.50
Absolute Group	\$137,500.00
Country Landscapes	\$197,304.90

A summary of revenues and projected expenses is shown below:

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Available Revenue</b>	<b>Estimated Expenses</b>
Road Use Tax	\$125,000	
Water Utility Fund	\$ 75,000	
Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 75,000	
Storm Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 50,000	
<b>ROW Restoration Contract</b>		<b>\$108,985</b>
Engineering and Administration		\$ 30,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>	<b>\$138,985</b>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council can do the following:
  - a. Accept the report of bids for the 2024/25 Right-of-Way Restoration Program.
  - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for this project.
  - c. Award the 2024/25 Right-of-Way Restoration Program to Alpha Landscapes of Johnston, IA, in the amount of \$108,985.00.
  
2. Do not proceed with this project at this time.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Proceeding with this project will make it possible to begin restoration efforts for projects currently underway and projects planned for the 2024 spring construction season. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.