

Commercial Recreation Specialists (CRS) Option 1 (Attachment A): Provides a variety of in-ground and above ground features including a medium sized dump bucket, multiple play pieces for young children (2-5 years of age), and play components for individuals of all ages.

Commercial Recreation Specialists Option 2 (Attachment B): Provides a lot of the same components as Option 1, but the above ground components are reduced by six, in order for the cost to be below \$535,000.

Crouch Recreation (Attachment C): The majority of the spray components are in-ground with minimal above ground components. Unfortunately, the proposal is not as appealing as the two proposed by Commercial Recreation Specialists.

The public had the opportunity to vote on their preferred option at the Juneteenth Celebration at Bandshell Park on June 14. There were 163 votes cast for the proposals with Commercial Recreation Specialists Option 1 receiving 157 votes and Crouch Recreation receiving six votes.

Construction - Concrete, Utilities, Furnishings:

For most of the remaining items of this project, Snyder was hired to provide engineered plans and specifications and construction administration. The construction documents include the installation of the water, sewer, and electric utilities, grading, concrete, benches, outdoor showers, and shade structure necessary to complete the construction of the splash pad. Not included as part of the specifications, but included in the total cost of the project, is a building that will house the mechanical equipment. The building will be approximately 15' x 15' and may be constructed by City staff.

The Plans and Specifications were distributed on May 14, 2025 with bids due on June 11, 2025. The construction documents were split into a Base Bid, Alternate #1 (Shade Structures), and Alternate #2 (Benches). Two bids were received and the results are shown below:

| Bidders | Base Bid | Alternate #1 | Alternate #2 | Total |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| TK Concrete, Inc., Pella, IA | \$295,595 | \$27,225 | \$10,000 | \$332,820 |
| Caliber Concrete LLC, Adair, IA | \$344,145 | \$54,000 | \$ 8,000 | \$406,145 |

The bid from TK Concrete, Pella, Iowa, is the lowest and is acceptable.

Project Total:

To understand the total project costs for the Daley Park Splash Pad, the following table provides a breakdown of the project components, the cost opinion and funding, the low bid amounts, as well as what staff is recommending Council approve. The recommendation includes the Base Bid, Alternate #1, CRS Option 1, and a reduced cost for the mechanical building. **Staff is not recommending Alternate #2 (Benches) as these can be procured at a lower cost through the Parks and Recreation operating budget.** Additionally, Snyder recommends reducing the construction base bid contingency to 5%.

| Component | Cost Opinion / Funding Amount | Low Bid | Recommendation |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Construction Base Bid | \$ 231,749 | \$ 295,595 | \$ 295,595 |
| Construction Base Bid Contingency (10%) | \$ 23,175 | \$ 29,560 | \$ 14,780 |
| Alternate #1 - Shade Structure | \$ 25,000 | \$ 27,225 | \$ 27,225 |
| Alternate #2 - Benches | \$ 8,000 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 0 |
| Splash Pad Equipment and Installation | \$ 535,000 | \$ 526,495 | \$ 577,934 |
| Mechanical Building | \$ 75,000 | \$ 75,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| A & E | \$ 26,500 | \$ 26,500 | \$ 26,500 |
| TOTAL PROJECT COST | \$ 924,424 | \$ 990,375 | \$ 992,034 |
| FUNDING AVAILABLE | \$1,349,392 | \$1,349,392 | \$1,349,392 |
| SURPLUS / (SHORTFALL) | \$ 424,968 | \$ 359,018 | \$ 357,358 |

There is sufficient funding for this project and it is recommended that surplus funding for this project be used for the Park Maintenance Facility Expansion Project. A detailed breakdown of funding for this project, the facility expansion project, and the Ada Hayden Trail Replacement project is shown in Attachment D. This project is expected to be completed by June 1, 2026.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can:
 - a. Accept the report of bids
 - b. Approve final plans and specifications and award a contract to TK Concrete, Inc. of Pella, IA, in the amount of \$322,820 for the Base Bid and Alternate #1
 - c. Award a contract to Commercial Recreation Specialists, of Verona, WI, for Splash Pad Equipment and Installation, in the amount of \$577,934
2. Award contracts to one of other bidders.
3. Accept the report of bids but do not award contracts at this time.
4. Refer back to staff.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Splash Pad is an amenity that has been desired in the community for many years and it will be located in west Ames, where there currently is a lack of large park amenities, especially aquatic activities. The residents in west Ames are excited about the addition of the splash pad, which will be a staple for many years. Based on public feedback and staff's recommendation, the CRS Option 1 design is the desired choice and there is ample funding available to cover the additional cost. Therefore, it is the City Manager's recommendation that City Council approve Alternative #1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Attachment C - Crouch Recreation.pdf](#)

[Attachment A - CRS Option #1.pdf](#)

[Attachment D - Project Cost Breakdown.pdf](#)

[Attachment B - CRS Option #2.jpeg](#)