

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT FOR INIS GROVE PARK SIDEWALK PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

This project is to construct a sidewalk along the north side of 24th St., east of Duff Ave., and along Duff Ave, north of 24th St., adjacent Inis Grove Park, 2500 Duff Ave. As part of the approved Miracle Project site plan, the sidewalk was included as there is currently not a sidewalk that provides access to the Park. Attachment A shows the location of the sidewalk. The FY 2020/21 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) included \$200,000 for the project.

Plans and specifications were developed by the Public Works Department and included an eight-foot wide concrete sidewalk to be installed with accompanying pedestrian ramps that will connect to the sidewalk currently in place adjacent to the Inclusive Playground and Miracle League Field in the park. Also included in the plans are concrete pads for the two bus stops located on Duff Ave.

On October 27, 2020, Council issued a notice to bidders. Staff opened bids on December 2, 2020. The bids are summarized below.

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Bidder	Base Bid
Pillar Inc., Huxley, Iowa	\$157,199.11
TK Concrete, Inc., Pella, Iowa	\$170,984.40
Caliber Concrete LLC., Adair, Iowa	\$174,787.15
Berkey Homebuilders, Inc., Altoona, Iowa	\$186,162.60
Woodruff Construction, Ames, Iowa	\$194,052.03
Synergy Contracting, LLC., Altoona, Iowa	\$201,887.50

PROJECT COST:

The engineer's cost estimate below includes the base bid, engineering, construction inspection, fire hydrant relocation, and a five percent contingency.

Engineer's Estimate:	Amount
Base Bid	\$197,587
Engineering & Construction Inspection	\$ 10,000
Fire Hydrant relocation	\$ 2,817
Contingency (5% of base bid)	\$ 9,880
Bid Project Estimate	\$220,284

Staff has reviewed the bids and has found the bid from Pillar Inc., Huxley, Iowa, to be acceptable. With this bid, the revised estimated total project costs are as follows:

Total Project Estimate:	Amount
Base Bid	\$157,199.11
Engineering & Construction Inspection	\$ 10,000.00
Fire Hydrant relocation	\$ 2,817.00
Total Estimate	\$170,016.11

With the \$200,000 available for this project, there will remain \$29,983.89 available in the project budget for contingency.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award the Inis Grove Park Sidewalk Project to Pillar Inc., Huxley, Iowa, in the bid amount of \$157,199.11.
2. Award the contract to one of the other bidders.
3. Accept the report of bids for the Inis Grove Park Sidewalk Project, but do not award a contract at this time.
4. Reject all bids.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Miracle Project in Inis Grove Park was created for all individuals and abilities. Constructing the sidewalk ensures all bicyclists and pedestrians can safely access the park from Duff Ave. and 24th St. Also, in order to be compliant with the guidelines outlined in the Community Attraction & Tourism (CAT) grant awarded to the Ames Foundation, it is necessary for this project to proceed. Lastly, this project received a very favorable bid below the engineer’s estimate that will allow the project to be completed with budgeted funds.

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



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Northwood Dr

Kellogg Ave

Duff Ave

24th St