

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2018/19 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION (SIPHON)**

**BACKGROUND:**

This is the annual program for rehabilitation/reconstruction of deficient sanitary sewers and deteriorated manholes at various locations throughout the City. The goal of this program is to identify and remove major sources of inflow/infiltration as a means of lowering the peak wet weather flow at the treatment plant. **On October 8, 2019, City Council awarded the contract to Synergy Contracting, LLC of Bondurant, Iowa in the amount of \$1,440,778.**

**Public Works received a request from Synergy Contracting, LLC to reduce the amount of project retainage, which is currently \$70,465.19. The project is substantially complete, with only minimal remaining work, including installation of fiberglass grating and miscellaneous work (punch list items) throughout the project.**

**The remaining work has an estimated value of \$14,093.08. There is a requirement that a minimum of 200% of the value of the work remaining must be withheld as retainage, which would be \$28,186.16.** This request meets criteria of Section 26.13 of the Code of Iowa for substantial completion of the project. All paperwork required per the Code of Iowa to approve the request has been received by the Public Works Department.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Reduce project retainage for the 2018/19 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (Siphon) project to \$28,186.16.
2. Maintain project retainage for the 2018/19 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (Siphon) project in the amount of \$70,465.39.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The value of remaining work on this sanitary sewer rehabilitation project is substantially less than the original contract, and the Code of Iowa requires the City to reduce the retainage being withheld under these circumstances to reflect the lower value of the remaining work.

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