

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-542
NOVEMBER 17, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT–
EAST DOUGLAS AVENUE BRIDGE
OVER FOUR MILE CREEK**

SUBMITTED BY:

**HAROLD SMITH
CITY ENGINEER**

SYNOPSIS –

Approving agreement with Shuck-Britson, Inc., Robert A. Britson, President, 2409 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50312, to provide engineering services for the design of a new bridge on East Douglas Avenue over Four Mile Creek. The design contract amount totals \$44,946.

FISCAL IMPACT –

Funding for these services is included in the 1997-1998 Capital Improvements Program budget.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval of this agreement with Shuck-Britson, Inc.

BACKGROUND –

On January 27, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-294, the City signed an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) to finance replacement of the East Douglas Avenue Bridge over Four Mile Creek and use Intermodal Surface Transportation Enforcement Act (ISTEA) funding from the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program. The agreement allows engineering design and construction services to be included in the 80 percent federal participation up to maximum project commitment of \$850,000. This \$850,000 represents the limit set by the federal government for grants of this nature. Included in this amount is: \$680,000 for construction; \$75,000 for consulting fees; and \$95,000 for City engineering and administrative costs. IDOT has not clarified whether City expenses can be

included under this grant.

The City interviewed two qualified firms from a list of approved consultants provided by IDOT.

IDOT has approved the selection of the consultant and reviewed the proposed agreement for design of a new bridge with Shuck-Britson, Inc. IDOT must approve this document before work may begin.