

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

98-227

SYNOPSIS –

AGENDA:

JUNE 1, 1998

On May 19, 1998, the City received bids for the Birdland Park Baseball Field. Only one bid was received which was from R.G. Elder & Son Co. This report explains staff’s recommendation to accept the bid.

SUBJECT:

**BIRDLAND PARK
BASEBALL FIELD**

FISCAL IMPACT –

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

The bid received was for \$102,592.29. There is sufficient funding for this project in Index Code 126078, Reiger Fund, administered by St. Paul Foundation for Amateur Baseball. This bid is within the budgeted amount.

SUBMITTED BY:

**HAROLD SMITH
CITY ENGINEER**

RECOMMENDATION –

Award of this construction contract to R.G. Elder & Son Co.

BACKGROUND –

A total of four contractors had requested bid documents as prime bidders.

The following is the staff’s response explaining possible reasons for receiving only one bid:

Telephone calls were made to the plan holders who indicated they would be prime bidders but did not submit bids. One plan holder indicated this was too small of a project with too many subcontractors to be of interest to them. One plan holder decided they wanted to be a subcontractor on this project rather than the prime bidder. The other contractor indicating interest as a prime bidder is not an earthwork contractor and did not want to work with an earthwork contractor as a subcontractor.

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