

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-217

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

MAY 17, 1999

Bid award for the Frisbie Park/East Jackson Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pumping Stations project to Van Hauen and Associates (Mark Van Hauen, President, 13185 Pineview Drive, Clive, IA 50325). Only one bid was received and read.

SUBJECT:

FRISBIE PARK/EAST
JACKSON AVENUE
SANITARY SEWER
PUMPING
STATIONS

FISCAL IMPACT -

The bid for this project was \$770,000 which is 1.91 percent above our estimate of \$775,605 or \$14,395 above our estimate. Funds are available.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Because the bid read was within our estimated construction cost plus contingencies, we recommend the bid be accepted and the contract awarded.

SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.
ACTING CITY
ENGINEER

BACKGROUND -

On May 11, 1999, the City received and opened sealed bids for the Frisbie Park/East Jackson Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pumping Stations project. Only one bid was received and read. This bid was submitted by Van Hauen & Associates, Inc.

Following is staff's response regarding the receipt of only one bid for this project:

- There were nine contractors who obtained plans to bid the project as prime contractors. Of the eight prime contractors that did not bid, six of the contractors indicated that their reasons for not bidding included their current heavy work load, the amount of supervision required to construct the pumping stations,

the amount of dewatering required due to soil conditions, and the desire to bid bigger projects on the same date.

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