

Fields 6 and 7 are included in this proposed contract. Work will include grading, subdrain installation, drainage improvements, sodding, irrigation, and restoration, and will be similar to the upgrade that was done last fall on fields 1-5. It is the Parks Department's recommendation to continue this upgrade and restoration next summer on the remaining five fields in the complex, and a similar subdrain system would be installed on fields 8-12.

In 2009, the Iowa Soccer Association in conjunction with the City of Des Moines, Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau and West Des Moines Soccer Club will bid to host the 2011 U.S. Youth Soccer Regional Championships. This event, which has been hosted previously by Des Moines in 2003 and 2007, draws over 212 teams, 15,000 players, and fans from 14 states. It provides an estimated \$7 million economic impact to the Greater Des Moines economy.

On February 23, 2009, under Roll Call No. 09-260, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Cownie Soccer Fields Improvements - Phase 2. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Cownie Soccer Fields Improvements - Phase 2, 11-2009-003. The improvement includes earthwork, sodding, subdrain installation, drainage improvements and restoration; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 495-133/138 at the Cownie Soccer Complex, 2200 E. Hartford Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Elder Corporation, Des Moines, IA
Vanderpool Construction, Inc., Indianola, IA
Smith Seeding, Inc., Eldridge, IA - Bid not read

The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on March 10, 2009.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of the improvement was submitted by Elder Corporation, Jared R. Elder II, President, 5088 E. University Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50327 in the amount of \$391,999.99, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for the improvement as stated above.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 23, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-260

Action: Ordering construction of the following: Cownie Soccer Fields Improvements – Phase 2: Receiving of bids, (3-10-09), and Setting date of hearing, (3-23-09). (Construction Estimate - \$477,500). (Council Communication No. 09-121) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion carried 7-0.

Date: September 8, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1617

Action: On Cownie Soccer Fields Improvements – Phase 1: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer’s Estimate and designating lowest responsible bidder as Smith Seeding, Inc., (John E. Smith, President), \$684,930. (Council Communication No. 08-555) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Coleman.

Date: September 8, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1618

Action: Approving contract and bond and permission to sublet. Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Coleman.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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