



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 68
Roll Call No. 09-
Communication No. 09-575
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Bell Avenue Paving - Druid Hill Drive East to Dead End: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Sternquist Construction Inc., Britt Sternquist, President, \$334,232.45.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Bell Avenue Paving - Druid Hill Drive East to Dead End and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. On March 3, 2009, the City Council adopted the Resolution of Necessity for street improvements on Bell Avenue from Druid Hill Drive east to the dead end. Property owners on this street had previously submitted petitions to the City Council requesting that the street be paved.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$334,232.45 Construction Contract (\$395,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2009-2010 CIP, Page Street-6, City-wide Paving Program, STR013, Being: \$52,135.01 from Special Assessments against benefited property owners and \$282,097.44 in G. O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Petitions for Bell Avenue Paving from Druid Hill Drive east to Dead End were received by the City Council on November 10, 2008. On January 29, 2009, the property owners on Bell Avenue, subject to special assessments, were sent a mailing, which contained general information about the street paving procedure and each owner's estimated assessment, and invited the property owner to an informational meeting with Engineering Department staff. The informational meeting was held on February 16, 2009 in the City Council Chambers, during which the property owners had the opportunity to ask questions and provide input to staff on the design. Staff also informed the property owners about the City's Special Assessment Subsidy Program and the process to submit petitions for or against the paving to provide Council with information on the wishes of the neighborhood.

Pursuant to Iowa Code, Section 384.51, the City Council met as specified in the published notice to property owners, after hearing all objections and endorsements and after considering all written objections, adopted the Resolution of Necessity for construction of the following improvements on March 9, 2009, under Roll Call Number 09-418:

- Street paving twenty-six feet wide B/B with Portland cement concrete six inches thick with integral curb, driveway approaches, surface restoration and other incidental items, together with the necessary drainage facilities on Bell Avenue from Druid Hill Drive to the Dead End East, Activity I.D. 06-2009-010, Schedule No. 2009-01.

On July 13, 2009, under Roll Call No. 09-1185, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Bell Avenue Paving - Druid Hill Drive East to Dead End. 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 Bell Avenue Paving - Druid Hill Drive East to Dead End, 06-2009-010. The improvement includes construction of street paving twenty-six (26) feet wide B/B with Portland Cement Concrete six (6) inches thick with integral curb, pavement removal, storm sewer, subdrains, water services, driveways, retaining walls, together with the necessary surface restoration on Bell Avenue from Druid Hill Drive east to Dead End, Activity ID 06-2009-010, Schedule No. 2009-01.

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

Sternquist Construction Inc., Indianola, IA
Jasper Construction Services, Inc., Newton, IA
Concrete Technologies, Inc., Urbandale, IA
Elder Corporation, Des Moines, IA

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 July 28, 2009.

The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Sternquist Construction Inc., Britt Sternquist, President, 1110 N 14th Street, Indianola, IA, 50125 in the amount of \$334,232.45, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 13, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1185

Action: Ordering construction of the following: Bell Avenue Paving – Druid Hill Drive east to Dead End: Receiving of bids, (7-28-09), and Setting date of hearing, (8-10-09). (Construction Estimate - \$395,000). (Council Communication No. 09-470)
) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: March 9, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-418

Action: On adoption of the proposed Resolution of Necessity for Street Improvements on Bell Avenue, from Druid Hill Drive to the Dead End East. (Council Communication No. 09-147) Moved by Hensley to adopt; use Portland Cement Concrete and be sensitive to the design to minimize removal of trees, shrubs and flowers. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

Date: January 26, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-069

Action: Authorization to proceed on Bell Avenue paving from Druid Hill Drive east to Dead End. (Council Communication No. 09-032) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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