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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 33D <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>17-1907</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>17-767</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Awarding contract for Clare and Miles Mills Rose Garden irrigation system installation to T&T Sprinkler Service, Inc.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend awarding a contract for sealed bid number V18-018 regarding Irrigation System Installation in the amount of \$42,660 to T&T Sprinkler Service, Inc., (PO Box 710 Johnston, IA 50131) for installing a new irrigation system at the Clare and Miles Mills Rose Garden.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

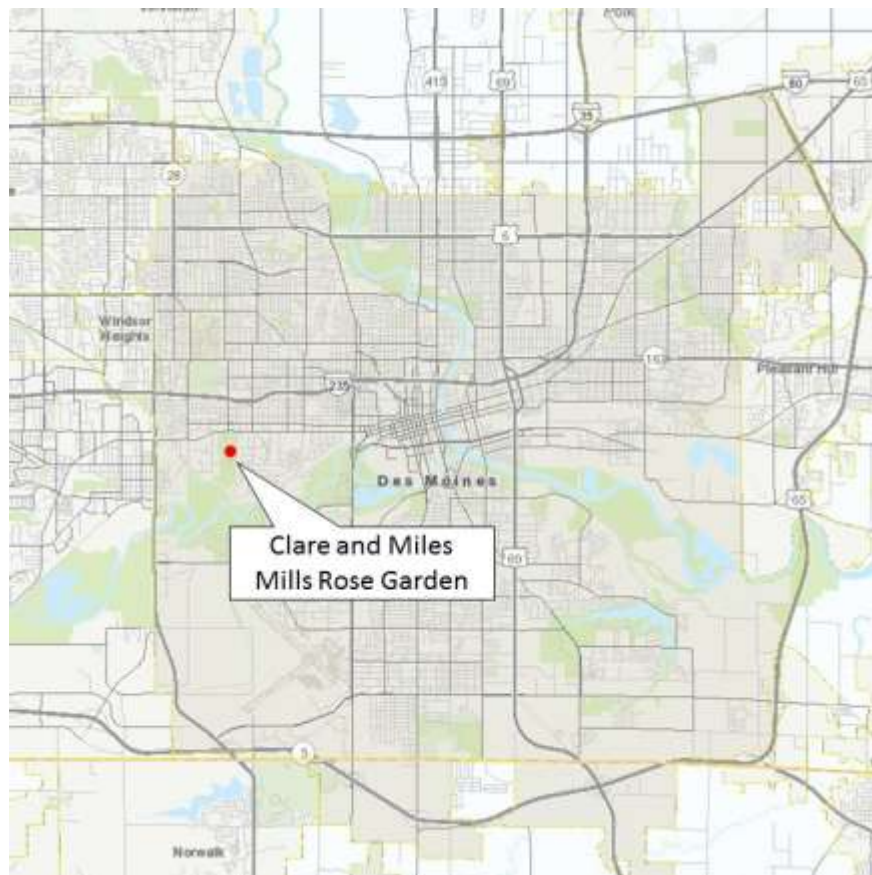
Amount: \$42,660

Funding Source: 2017-2018 CIP, Page Park Improvements – 11, Park Improvements, PK137, Being: G.O. Bonds to be issued.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- The Park and Recreation Department owns and operates the Clare and Miles Mills Rose Garden in Greenwood Park. The rose garden is maintained by Parks Department staff that relies on an irrigation system to keep the roses watered during the hot dry months of the summer season. The current irrigation system in the rose garden is at the end of its operational life. In preparation for a new irrigation system, a new water service line was installed in June and runs from Grand Avenue all the way around the Des Moines Art Center to supply the irrigation system with water.
- On July 21, 2017 the Procurement Division of the Department of Finance sent 15 vendors an invitation to bid on Irrigation System Installation; specifications included a new irrigation control unit, 14 drip irrigation zones including 10,000 linear feet of pipe, and six (6) quick couplers for hose attachments.
- The bid closed on August 3, 2017, with only the bid from T&T Sprinkler Service Inc. for \$37,660. This bid was rejected and Parks Department staff decided to rebid the project. It was determined that the irrigation contractors were too busy in July to bid the job and a second bid process later in the year would produce more competitive bids.

- The second invitation to bid was sent to the same 15 vendors on August 23, 2017. The scope of services was changed slightly so that the irrigation system would better fit the needs of the rose garden maintenance staff. The locations of the quick couplers for hose connections were called out in the second bid documents to better represent existing quick coupler locations. The initial bid documents only listed the quick couplers and did not show the actual locations. Once the actual locations of the quick couplers were known the contractors realized that they would require additional investment to install them and the second bid price reflects that price increase. Bids were due on September 15, 2017 and T&T Sprinkler Service Inc. was again the only bidder with a bid price of \$42,660.
- Several of the other 14 prospective bidders noted that their existing workloads were too great to take on additional work for either the fall or the spring.





**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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