


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	18-636	Meeting:	December 3, 2018
	Agenda Item:	42	Roll Call:	18-2016
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on James W. Cownie Sports Park Signage Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as The Samuels Group, Inc., Sidney Samuels, President, \$796,000.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the James W. Cownie Sports Park Signage Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. The James W. Cownie Soccer Park and Baseball Park are popular regional sports venues attracting thousands of out of town visitors to the City of Des Moines annually. The proposed signage improvements at the high traffic intersection of S.E. 14th Street and Hartford Avenue will improve wayfinding for out of town visitors. Signage will also acknowledge current and past sports complex donors and enhance the identity of this premier sports park destination.

FISCAL IMPACT:

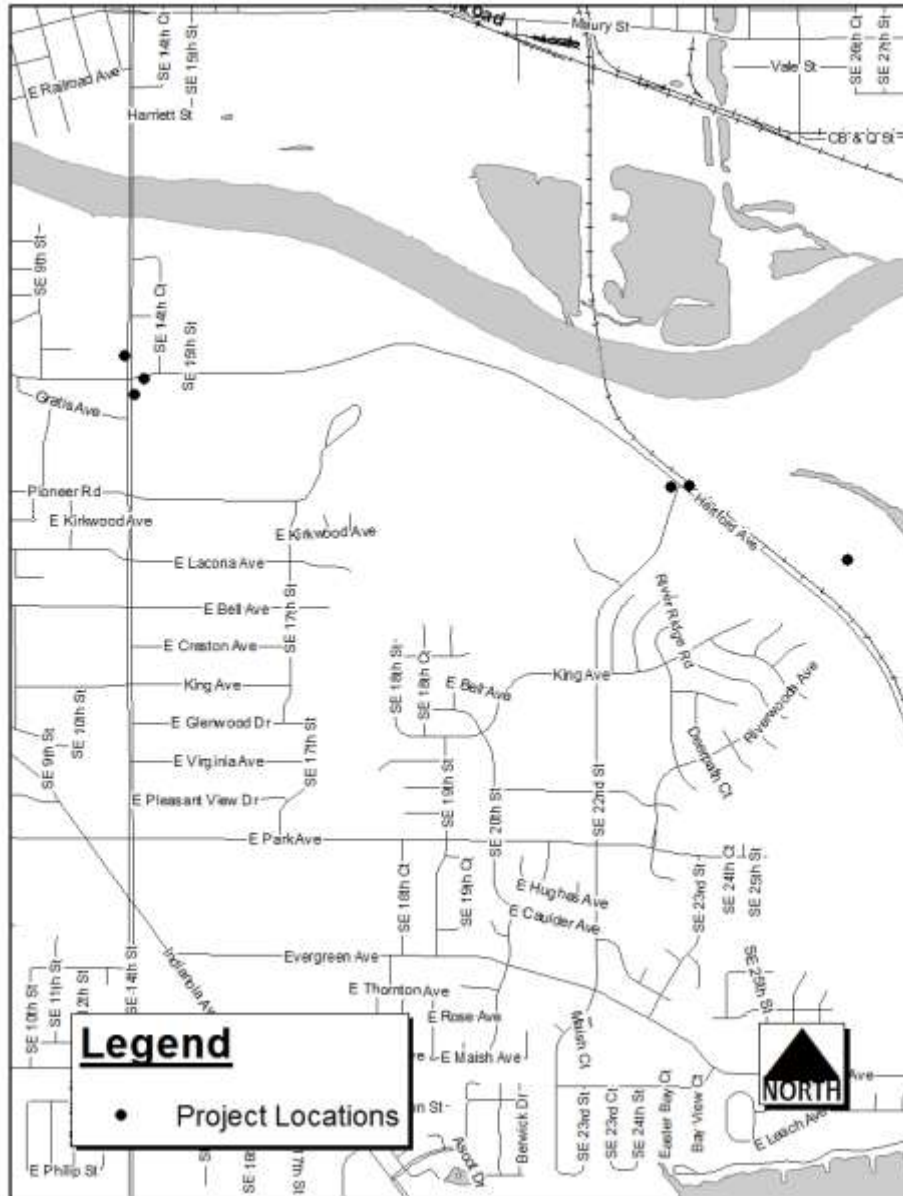
Amount: \$796,000 Construction Contract (\$790,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2018-2019 CIP, Page Park – 16, Sports Complexes, PK176, Being: \$796,000 in Private Funds, of which not all funding has been raised, but any gap is pledged to be filled by a personal guarantee; with an additional maximum commitment of \$54,000 for unforeseen project expenses, should they arise.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On November 5, 2018, under Roll Call No. 18-1822, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the James W. Cownie Sports Park Signage Improvements. 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 James W. Cownie Sports Park Signage Improvements, 11-2018-007.

- The improvements include the construction of two (2) new cantilevered directional sign structures, one (1) new segmented arch directional sign structure, two (2) new monument directional signage structures, and one (1) new donor recognition sign using cast in place concrete footings and exposed piers, weathering steel structural framing, information signage, LED lighting, surface restoration; all work in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 584-131/144, located at the intersection of S.E. 14th Street and E. Hartford Avenue and the Cownie Soccer Park located at 2600 Hartford Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.
- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - The Samuels Group, Inc., Wausau, WI
 - Minturn, Inc., Brooklyn, IA
 - Core Structural Services LLC, Clive, IA
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on November 20, 2018.
- The Base Bid of \$813,000 includes:
 - Two (2) cantilevered directional signage structures on S.E. 14th Street.
 - One (1) segmented arch directional signage structure on Hartford Avenue.
 - Two (2) monument directional signage structures on Hartford Avenue.
 - One (1) donor recognition sign in the James W. Cownie Sports Complex.
- The Add Alternate 1 Bid of \$58,000 includes adding LED Lighting at the two (2) cantilevered directional signage structures on S.E. 14th Street and the one (1) segmented arch directional signage structure on Hartford Avenue.
- The Deduct Alternate 1 Bid of \$75,000 deduction includes reducing the size of the two (2) cantilevered directional signage structures on S.E. 14th Street.
- The private donor requested that the City proceed with awarding the construction contract with the Base Bid plus Add Alternate 1 and Deduct Alternate 1 for a total amount of \$796,000. City staff concurs with the private donor's request and recommends awarding the construction contract with the Base Bid plus Add Alternate 1 and Deduct Alternate 1, for a total amount of \$796,000.
- The private donor has also committed to an additional \$54,000 for unforeseen project expenses (above the \$796,000) if needed.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by The Samuels Group, Inc., Sidney Samuels, President, 311 Financial Way, Suite 300, Wausau, WI, 54401 in the amount of \$796,000, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- The final project signs are subject to review by the Board of Adjustment on December 19, 2018. Required changes may be incorporated into the project by change order. The contractor will not be given authority to proceed with fabrication until approval has been received.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 5, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-1822](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (C) [James](#) W. Cownie Sports Park Signage Improvements: Receiving of bids, (11-20-18), Setting date of hearing, (12-3-18). Engineer's estimate, \$790,000. ([Council Communication No. 18-552](#)) Moved by Gatto 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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