


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-245	Meeting:	June 3, 2019
	Agenda Item:	66	Roll Call:	19-0944
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Witmer Park Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Koester Construction Company, Inc., Paul Koester, President, \$1,103,550.90.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Witmer Park Improvements and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project includes the construction of an 8-foot wide trail through Witmer Park, along with the construction of shelter and shelter pads, a fishing pier, and dredging of Witmer Pond. These improvements from the Parks and Recreation Department master plan will allow for greater enjoyment of Witmer Park. Parks and Recreation Department has received an Iowa DNR REAP Grant to help pay for these improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,103,550.90 Construction Contract (\$1,060,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2019-2020 CIP, Page Park – 27, Witmer Park Improvements, PK184, Being: \$171,527 in G.O. Bonds, \$200,000 in G.O. Bonds to be issued, \$252,168 IDNR REAP Grant, Agreement 18-R4-FB; \$283,775.96 in G.O. Bonds transferred from PK167 - Urban Conservation and \$150,000 from PK175 - Multi-Purpose Trails, and the remaining \$46,079.94 in G.O. Bonds transferred from SW081

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On May 6, 2019, under Roll Call No. 19-0696, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Witmer Park 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 Witmer Park Improvements, 11-2018-009. The improvement includes clearing and grubbing, Class 10 excavation, pond dredging, dewatering, removal of pavement, miscellaneous removals, electrical service installation, storm sewer installation, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement, PCC steps, modular block retaining wall, pavement markings, traffic control, seeding, and miscellaneous

associated work including cleanup and restoration; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 610-157/313, located in Witmer Park, Des Moines.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Koester Construction Company, Inc., Grimes, IA
 - Woodruff Construction, LLC, Fort Dodge, IA
 - Lansink Construction, Inc., Johnston, 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 May 21, 2019.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Koester Construction Company, Inc., Paul Koester, President, 3050 SE Enterprise Drive, Suite A, Grimes, IA, 50111 in the amount of \$1,103,550.90, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- The Parks and Recreation Department sought public input from neighbors and all interested residents on several occasions, including:
 - May 14, 2019 at the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association meeting
 - March 13, 2019 at the Drake Neighborhood Association meeting
 - May 8, 2018 at the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association meeting
 - February 22, 2018 at the Urban Conservation Advisory Committee meeting



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 6, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0696](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (D) [Witmer](#) Park Improvements: Receiving of bids, (5-21-19), Setting date of hearing, (6-3-19). Engineer's estimate, \$1,060,000. ([Council Communication No. 19-202](#)) 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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