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DATE July 25, 2016

REJECT ALL BIDS ON  
WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT BRIDGE DECK SURFACE REPLACEMENT  
AND TO CLOSE THE HEARING ON THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM  
OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2016, under Roll Call No. 16-1020, plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost were filed with the City Clerk for the construction of the following improvement:

Women of Achievement Bridge Deck Surface Replacement, 12-2016-002

The improvement includes sand blasting, non-skid surface application, painting, caulking, and pedestrian traffic control; all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File Nos. 573-083/088, located on the Women of Achievement Bridge over the Des Moines River at Center Street, Des Moines, Iowa

WHEREAS, notice of the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost was published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines City Engineer, as the Engineer, recommends rejection of all bids because only one bid was received, in the amount of \$264,000, which was 65% over the project estimate of \$160,000, and exceeded the project budget. Engineering staff contacted the bidder to find out why the bid was substantially higher and other plan holders as to why they did not submit a bid. The apparent low bidder indicated that he misinterpreted the design that would have taken special equipment and additional cost to accomplish. The other plan holders indicated it was a combination of the time of year along with the completion date, as well as design elements in regards to this structure. Based upon the bid result and bidders comments, City staff and the design consultant will reevaluate and modify the design and scope, extend the completion date, and will rebid in the near future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA: That the hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and Engineer's estimate of construction cost for said improvement be and is hereby **CLOSED**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:

Jasper Construction Services, Inc.                      Newton, IA

which were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the Engineer in the Shijiazhuang Room, 2nd Floor, City Administration Building, 400 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on July 12, 2016. Said bids and the attached tabulation of bids for said improvement be and are hereby accepted, received, and filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all bids for said improvement, be and the same are hereby rejected because only one bid was received, in the amount of \$264,000, which was 65% over the project estimate of \$160,000, and exceeded the project budget. Engineering staff contacted the bidder to find out why the bid was substantially higher and other plan holders as to why they did not submit a bid. The apparent low bidder indicated that he misinterpreted the design that would have taken special equipment and additional cost to accomplish. The other plan holders indicated it was a combination of the time of year along with the completion date, as well as design elements in regards to this structure. Based upon the bid result and bidders comments, City staff and the design consultant will reevaluate and modify the design and scope, extend the completion date, and will rebid in the near future

★ **Roll Call Number**

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Moved by Hensley to adopt.

FORM APPROVED

**(Council Communication No. 16-420)**

*Kathleen Vanderpool*

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Deputy City Attorney

*AC* Funding Source: 2016-2017 CIP, Page Bridge – 4, City-wide Bridges, BR003, Being: transfer of \$110,000 from PK175, Road, Sidewalk, and Utility Improvements - Parks, Page 13; the remaining \$50,000 from BR003

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

*T. M. Franklin Council*

Mayor

I, Diane Rauh, City Clerk of said City Council, hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

*Diane Rauh*

City Clerk