



Roll Call Number

18-1711

Agenda Item Number

44

DATE October 8, 2018

HEARING ON TRESTLE TO TRESTLE TRAIL REPAIR EAST OF BEAVER AVENUE;
REJECT ALL BIDS ON TRESTLE TO TRESTLE TRAIL REPAIR EAST OF BEAVER AVENUE
AND TO CLOSE THE HEARING ON THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM
OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2018, under Roll Call No. 18-1479, 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:

Trestle to Trestle Trail Repair East of Beaver Avenue, 04-2019-006

The improvement includes the repair of the Trestle toTrestle Trail, including Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), subdrains, sheet piling, Class E revetment, and 18-inch storm sewer pipe; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 574-111/113, located along the Des Moines River south of Lower Beaver Road, 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 there were only two bids submitted and the apparent low bid was submitted by Peterson Contractors, Inc, Cordell Peterson, President, 104 Blackhawk Street, Reinbeck, Iowa, 50669, in the amount of \$618,342.00 which was 54.6% over the project estimate of \$400,000.00. Engineering staff reviewed the bids and the high bids primarily resulted from one bid item, mobilization. In review of the bids it appeared contractors submitted unit prices near the estimate prices for all items except mobilization. Bidding this type of work at a time when contractors are trying to finish other obligated work for the year can influence unit prices, and resultant was overage in mobilization. Contractors feedback indicated they missed the opportunity to bid on this project due to current workload, and misinterpreting the project elements. Contractors who missed bidding expressed interest in the project as winter work. Therefore, rebidding the project during the winter months would likely lead to a more favorable bidding climate. The Des Moines City Engineer, as the Engineer, recommends rebidding the project in during an upcoming winter bid letting.

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:

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| Peterson Contractors, Inc. | Reinbeck, IA |
| Jensen Construction Company | Des Moines, IA |

which 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 September 25, 2018. Said bids and the attached tabulation of bids for said improvement be and are hereby received and filed.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all bids for said improvement, be and the same are hereby rejected because there were only two bids submitted and the apparent low bid was submitted by Peterson Contractors, Inc, Cordell Peterson, President, 104 Blackhawk Street, Reinbeck, Iowa, 50669, in the amount of \$618,342.00 which was 54.6% over the project estimate of \$400,000.00. Engineering staff reviewed the bids and the high bids primarily resulted from one bid item, mobilization. In review of the bids it appeared contractors submitted unit prices near the estimate prices for all items except mobilization. Bidding this type of work at a time when contractors are trying to finish other obligated work for the year can influence unit prices, and resultant was overage in mobilization. Contractors feedback indicated they missed the opportunity to bid on this project due to current workload, and misinterpreting the project elements. Contractors who missed bidding expressed interest in the project as winter work. Therefore, rebidding the project during the winter months would likely lead to a more favorable bidding climate. The Des Moines City Engineer, as the Engineer, recommends rebidding the project in during an upcoming winter bid letting.

(Council Communication No. 18-496)

Moved by Gray to adopt.

FORM APPROVED

Kathleen Vanderpool
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Deputy City Attorney

SLN Funding Source: 2018-2019 CIP, Page Parks - 8, Multi-Use Trails, PK045, G. O. Bonds

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

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.

J. M. Franklin Cownie
Mayor

Diane Rauh
City Clerk