

★ Roll Call Number

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DATE April 8, 2019

HEARING ON E. 1ST AND MARKET STREET STORM WATER PUMP STATION;
REJECT ALL BIDS ON E. 1ST AND MARKET STREET STORM WATER PUMP STATION
AND TO CLOSE THE HEARING ON THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM
OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2019, under Roll Call No. 19-0184, 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:

E. 1st and Market Street Storm Water Pump Station, 08-2017-005

The improvement includes construction of a two pump storm water pump station including the installation of pumps, mechanical bar screens, electrical and controls building, architectural features such as perforated stainless steel metal panels, channel glass, board formed cast-in-place concrete, lighting, standby power generator, Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) storm sewer sizes 15-inches and 60-inches, Ductile Iron (DI) 12-inch water main, cast-in-place manholes, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement, PCC curb and gutter, landscaping, erosion control, restoration and miscellaneous associated work including cleanup and other incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 596-179/230, located near E. 1st Street and Market Street, along the east bank levee of the Des Moines River in downtown 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 was only one bid received, which was submitted by Woodruff Construction, LLC, Donald A. Woodruff, President, 1890 Kountry Lane, Fort Dodge, IA, 50501, in an amount of \$9,418,197.20. This bid was 42.7% over the project construction estimate of \$6,600,000. Engineering staff and the design consultant discussed with the lone bidder the reason the bid greatly exceeded the estimate. It was determined there is an alternate de-watering method, and other potential alternate design approaches that could be implemented which are expected to result in a substantially reduced cost. The design consultant also underestimated the cost and the risk of the contaminated soil in the area. Other contractors who had taken out plans but did not submit bids were also contacted. In general, they indicated they believed constructability issues relating to the dewatering constraints and mitigation of the contaminated soil were of such significance that they elected not to submit a bid. As a result, an alternate design will be pursued. Therefore, the Des Moines City Engineer recommends rebidding the redesigned project in the near future when an alternate design and plans are completed.

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:

Woodruff Construction, LLC

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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 March 12, 2019. Said bids and the attached tabulation of bids for said improvement be and are hereby received and filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all bids for said improvement, be and the same are hereby rejected because there was only one bid received, which was submitted by Woodruff Construction, LLC, Donald A. Woodruff, President, 1890 Kountry Lane, Fort Dodge, IA, 50501, in an amount of \$9,418,197.20. This bid was 42.7% over the project construction estimate of \$6,600,000. Engineering staff and the design consultant discussed with the lone bidder the reason the bid greatly exceeded the estimate. It was determined there is an alternate de-watering method, and other potential alternate design approaches that could be implemented which are expected to result in a substantially reduced cost. The design consultant also underestimated the cost and the risk of the contaminated soil in the area. Other contractors who had taken out plans but did not submit bids were also contacted. In general, they indicated they believed constructability issues relating to the dewatering constraints and mitigation of the contaminated soil were of such significance that they elected not to submit a bid. As a result, an alternate design will be pursued. Therefore, the Des Moines City Engineer recommends rebidding the redesigned project in the near future when an alternate design and plans are completed.

(City Council Communication Number 19-156 attached)

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

FORM APPROVED

Kathleen Vanderpool
 Kathleen Vanderpool
 Deputy City Attorney

SLN Funding Source: 2019-2020 CIP, Page Storm – 6, Flood Mitigation Improvements, SM087, Storm Water Utility Funds

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.

MOTION CARRIED 7 APPROVED
J. M. Francklin Cownie
 Mayor

Diane Rauh
 City Clerk