

March 17, 2015

To: Mayor Bemrich and City Council
From: David Fierke, City Manager
**Subject: East Region Public Improvements
Phase 1C
Set Public Hearing & Bid Dates**



ACTION: For vote Monday, February 23, 2015

Brief History

On May 14th, 2012, City Council passed a resolution accepting the method of selection to choose an Engineering Firm to perform preliminary design on the East Region Storm Sewer Project – Phases 1-3. The Engineering Department solicited RFQ's/RFP's from 7 Iowa firms and received 4 submittals from Bolton & Menk, HR Green, McClure, and Snyder & Associates. The qualifications for each firm were scored by a selection committee and based on their recommendation, City Council directed staff to prepare a contract with Snyder & Associates, which was approved on June 25th, 2012. The original contract includes preliminary engineering, design, administrative work necessary to seek funding and determine scope of the project, developing 30% plans, and communication with the public and neighborhood businesses.

Amendment #1 was the first of two (2) planned amendments to Snyder & Associates' original contract. Amendment #1 bridges the gap between preliminary concepts and bidding the projects, generally including final design and plans, right-of-way services (upon written authorization from City), survey, funding applications, and bidding services.

Amendment #2 to the original contract dated July 23, 2012 was approved by Council on June 10, 2013. The original contract and Amendments 1 and 2 encompass the following work:

- Preliminary Design & Plans for Phases 1, 2, and 3.
- Final Design and Plans for Phases 1 and 2.
- Bid Letting Administration for Phases 1 and 2.
- Environmental Services.
- Construction Administration & Observation for Phases 1 and 2.

The following is a description of each Phase (1 – 4):

- Phase 1 – Roadway, storm sewers, storm water detention, and pump station improvements near 1st Ave. S. & S. 23rd St.
- Phase 1B – Roadway and storm sewer improvements on 1st Ave. S. at 23rd St. and 200' to the east.

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- Phase 1C – Storm water detention basin south of 8th Ave. S. (east of Land O'Lakes), pump station, roadway and storm sewer improvements on S. 29th St. to the north of 8th Ave. S.
- Phase 2 – Roadway and storm sewer improvements along 1st Ave. S. between S. 23rd St. and S. 27th St. including work north and south of 1st Ave. S. on S. 25th St.
- Phase 3 – Roadway and storm sewer improvements along 1st Ave. S. between S. 27th St. and east of S. 29th St. and along S. 29th St. from 1st Ave. S. to 7th Ave. S.
- Phase 4 - Storm sewer improvements along S. 25th St. from south of 5th Ave. S. to 8th Ave. S. and then to the Phase 1C detention basin.

At the September 9th, 2013 workshop, Wade Greiman with Snyder & Associates updated the Phase 1 project to Council. It was explained that the project would further be broken down to include two bids; a Phase 1 and Phase 1B. The breakdown was necessary to coordinate construction activities at Kemna Auto and Phase 1 of the East Region Project.

On October 3, 2013, at 3:00 pm bids were received for the Phase 1 Project. Four bid proposals were received and opened as follows:

- JB Holland Construction, Decorah, Iowa \$1,502,282.93
- Rasch Construction, Fort Dodge, Iowa \$1,544,201.50
- Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, Iowa \$1,670,000.00
- Minger Construction, Inc., Chanhassen, MN \$1,915,697.80

Council approved a contract with JB Holland in the amount of \$1,502,282.93 on October 14th, 2013.

On July 8, 2014, at 3:00 one bid was received for the Phase 1B Project:

- Rasch Construction, Fort Dodge, Iowa \$621,804.00

Council approved a contract with Rasch Construction in the amount of \$621,804.00 on July 14th, 2014.

Snyder & Associates has provided complete plans and specifications for Staff review and comment for the Phase 1C Project and Council set the Public Hearing date and time as well as the Bid date and time February 23, 2015. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for March 23rd, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Also, the Bid date and time will be scheduled for March 19th, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Analysis of Issue

A public hearing needs to be held regarding the proposed project. Phase 1C includes storm water sewer installation, excavation of a detention basin, and construction of a pump station including a groundwater wet well, storm sewer wet well, utility building and generator. The Engineer's Estimate of Cost for this project is \$3,850,000.

On March 19, 2015 at 10:00 am bids were received for this project. **Three bids** proposal were received and opened as follows:

- Bid 1
- Bid 2

- Bid 3

Below, Snyder Associates have prepared a letter recommending acceptance of the low bid.

Budget Impact

Funding for this project will include LOST, Stormwater Utility GO Bond, a federal transportation grant, TIF, Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program, Traffic Safety Improvement Program, Water Quality related loans or grants, and others. It is the intention to complete the project within the budget provided. Budget is highly dependent on grant success

Table 1. Capital Improvement Plan Excerpt – East Region Storm Sewer, Phases 1-3

Funding Source	Totals	FISCAL YEAR				
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
LOST	\$ 2,500,000				\$ 2,000,000	\$ 500,000
GO Bonds	\$ -					
RUT	\$ -					
Federal	\$ 1,500,000				\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000
Sewer Utility	\$ -					
Water Utility	\$ -					
Stormwater Utility	\$ 2,850,000		\$ 1,450,000	\$ 1,400,000		
Other	\$ 2,500,000			\$ 1,050,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 9,350,000	\$ -	\$ 1,450,000	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,950,000	\$ 2,500,000

Strategic Plan Impact

Policy D.4.2: Advanced planning for all infrastructure facilities shall be supported and routinely updated. Facilities benefited by advanced planning shall include, at minimum, schools, health care, residential areas, roads, water, sewer, storm water management, parks, recreation, and greenways.

Policy C.3.5: Pedestrian-oriented streetscape improvements including, but not limited to, sidewalks, street trees, landscaping, street lights, street furniture, trash receptacles, and signage shall be made to create and maintain an environment attractive to investment.

Impact on Existing Plans

This project has been included in the Capital Improvement Plan, has leveraged Surface Transportation Funds, and includes all recommendations from the Cross-town Connector Report as well as the Business District Watershed Analysis.

Staff Conclusions / Recommendations

It is Staff's recommendation to approve the plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for this project. In addition, staff recommends awarding a contract to **LOW BIDDER** in the amount of \$x,xxx,xxx.xx.

Alternatives

None recommended.

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Implementation and Accountability

The Snyder & Associates and the Engineering Department will be responsible for this project.

Signed



Tony Trotter, P.E.
Project Engineer

Approved



David Fierke
City Manager