

ITEM #: 29
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2023/24 STORMWATER EROSION CONTROL (COLLEGE CREEK BANK STABILIZATION - HEMINGWAY DRIVE)

BACKGROUND:

This annual program provides for stabilization of areas that have become eroded in streams, channels, swales, gullies, or drainage ways that are part of the stormwater system. This program provides a more permanent control of erosion and will reduce recurring maintenance costs in these areas. **The location for this project is College Creek near Hemingway Drive.**

On February 19, 2025, bids for the project were received as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
<i>Engineer's estimate</i>	<i>\$ 179,780.00</i>
Jackson Contracting LLC	\$ 95,143.17
JC Midwest Services	\$ 115,957.50
TK Grading & Seeding LLC	\$ 127,278.00
Con-Struct Inc	\$ 135,948.00
Iowa Earth Works	\$ 157,704.00
Jorgensen Contracting Co.	\$ 180,095.00
HGS, LLC	\$ 195,470.60

During the bid review process, City staff identified discrepancies in the unit prices submitted by the low bidder, Jackson Contracting LLC. The contractor listed a total bid amount \$109,353.51. However, after verifying calculations, staff discovered mathematical errors affecting multiple unit prices, resulting in a corrected total bid amount of \$95,143.17. The City policy found in the invitation to bid documents states that 1) bids must be submitted on a unit price or lump sum basis, as specified in the Proposal Form, and 2) if discrepancies exist in unit price extensions, unit prices shall govern over the total amount.

City staff conducted a thorough review to ensure all bid packages were complete and included all required documents. Based on the policy, the corrected total bid amount has been determined by applying the unit prices provided in the bidder's proposal. The Council should note that this project required bidders to submit a bid bond that is 5% of the total bid amount. A bid bond is a form of financial security that can be cashed by the City in the event that a bidder is unable or unwilling to accept the contract after bids are opened. Jackson Contracting LLC has not requested to withdraw its bid and has indicated to staff that it intends to honor its calculated unit price amount. However, if such a request arose, staff believes the City would be obligated to cash the contractor's bid bond.

Revenue and expenses associated with this program are estimated as follows:

	Revenue	Expenses
2023/24 Stormwater Erosion Control	\$ 850,000	
Construction (this project)		\$ 95,143.17
Other programmed project location*		\$ 624,856.83
Engineering/Administration (Overall program)		\$ 130,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 850,000	\$ 850,000.00

*The 2023/24 Stormwater Erosion Control program also identifies project work at Inis Grove Park.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a resolution to:
 - a. Accept the report of bids for the 2023/24 Stormwater Erosion Control (College Creek Bank Stabilization - Hemingway Drive) project.
 - b. Approve the final plans and specifications for this project and award the 2023/24 Stormwater Erosion Control (College Creek Bank Stabilization - Hemingway Drive) project to Jackson Contracting LLC of Des Moines, Iowa in the amount of \$95,143.17.
2. Do not proceed with this project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Accepting the report of bids and awarding this project will result in more permanent control of erosion and will reduce recurring maintenance costs. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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