

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Josh Bauman, Assistant Director, Parks, Rec & Forestry

**Council Meeting:** October 10, 2023

**Subject:** Resolution 23-093: Awarding Bids on Project 2023-03STI Brookings Prairie Hills Project.

**Person(s) Responsible:** Kristin Zimmerman, Director, Parks, Recreation & Forestry

## **Summary:**

This resolution will award the 2023-03STI Brookings Prairie Hills Trail Project to Clark Drew Construction, Brookings, SD, for the low bid of \$230,459.35.

## **Background:**

This project contains the construction of a shared-use trail through the Prairie Hills subdivision connecting Medary Avenue to Main Avenue South. This shared-use trail is a continuation of the Allyn Frerichs Trail which currently ends South of the Fishback Soccer Fields at Medary Avenue.

This trail project is a two-year project consisting of two legs through Prairie Hills: Medary Avenue to Sweetgrass Drive, which will be constructed in the Fall of 2023; and Sweetgrass to Main Avenue South which will be constructed in the Spring of 2024.

## **Item Details:**

The bid opening for this project was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. The City received the following bids:

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| Clark Drew Construction | \$230,459.35 |
| BX Civil & Construction | \$245,925.53 |
| Timmons Construction    | \$263,477.30 |

The total low bid of Clark Drew Construction, for \$230,459.35 bid is approximately 31% higher than the engineer's estimate of \$160,000.

Costs came in higher than expected with the additional cut and fill needed to meet ADA standards on a west section of trail, the addition of reinforcement rods in the east section near Medary Avenue, and the decision to lay five-inch concrete in lieu of four-inch concrete to better accommodate maintenance equipment. Original estimates were figured in early 2022. The project will be constructed in the fall of 2023 and completed in the spring of 2024.

**Legal Consideration:**

None

**Strategic Plan Consideration:**

Safe, Inclusive, Connected Community: The trails project will improve pedestrian and bicycling connection from Medary Avenue to Main Avenue by directing this traffic to a quieter and safer route.

**Financial Consideration:**

The City will enter into a contract with Clark Drew Construction for the total low bid amount of \$230,459.35. Sufficient appropriations are included in the 2023 and 2024 Capital Improvements Projects budgets, and the awarded grant amount of \$114,084.40. This would make the City's portion of the project \$116,374.95.

**Options and Recommendation:**

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a work session
5. Discuss / take no action / table

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Resolution