

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Jackie Lanning, City Engineer

**Council Meeting:** April 27, 2021

**Subject:** Rejection of Bids for the 2021-01SWR Sidewalk Maintenance Project

**Person(s) Responsible:** Jackie Lanning, City Engineer

## **Summary:**

This resolution will reject the bids for the 2021-01SWR Sidewalk Maintenance Project. The City received one bid for the project, which was in the amount of \$89,580.00 from Clark Drew Construction. The bid is 66% higher than the Engineering Estimate of \$53,937.50. Local contractors have indicated their schedules are very full this year, thus reducing the number of bidders interested in this project. It is recommended that the project be rebid at a later date for construction in 2022.

## **Background:**

This project is part of the annual sidewalk inspection project and entails replacement of trip hazard sidewalks. This project includes homeowner trip hazards which were not repaired in the 2020 sidewalk area, located south of 8<sup>th</sup> Street South and west of Medary Avenue, and property owners in the 2021 sidewalk area who volunteered to be in the project, located east of Medary Avenue and south of the railroad tracks.

## **Item Details:**

A bid letting was held at 1:30 PM on April 20, 2021 at the City & County Government Center and the City received the following bid:

2021-01SWR Sidewalk Maintenance Project	Clark Drew Construction, Inc.	Engineer's Estimate
Sidewalk Replacement Project	\$89,580.00	\$53,937.50

Staff reviewed the bid prices in comparison to bids received in previous years. The 2021 bid prices were significantly higher than the 2019 bid prices for concrete sidewalk work. The total bid of Clark Drew Construction Inc. for \$89,580.00 was approximately 66% higher than the engineer's estimate of \$53,937.50.

## **Legal Consideration:**

The sidewalk costs for this project are assessed to the property owners. The cost for sidewalk replacement from this bid would be \$21.62 per square foot of sidewalk, whereas the previous sidewalk bids from 2019 were \$10.36 per square foot. The higher

cost would place a financial burden on many property owners. Property owners also have the option of hiring their own contractor to do the work.

**Strategic Plan Consideration:**

Safe Inclusive, Connected Community - This project's primary focus is on fixing sidewalk trip hazards throughout the community. By fixing these hazards, the City is providing a route for citizens of all ages to recreate, travel, and enjoy the community. The public sidewalks provide an essential system of connectivity throughout the City that must be maintained to ensure the safety of our citizens, and this project is one of many steps towards the goals of our strategic plan.

**Financial Consideration:**

The City will rebid this project at a later date for construction in 2022. It is anticipated the work will be included in a larger project to attract more bidders.

**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. Do nothing

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Resolution

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