



City of Grand Forks Staff Report

Service/Safety Committee – August 12, 2014

City Council – August 18, 2014

Agenda Item: Bids for City Project No. 7231, District No. 507 – Stormwater Pond for LeClerc’s Addition and Crary’s 2nd Addition

Submitted by: Engineering Department, Rich Romness, PE (Assistant City Engineer)

Staff Recommended Action: Award contract to low bidder, Spruce Valley Corporation, in the amount of \$505,583.60 for Project No. 7231, District No. 507 – Stormwater Pond for LeClerc’s Addition and Crary’s 2nd Addition

Committee Recommended Action:

Motion by Vein and Schneider to approve recommendation. Motion carried.

Council Action:

BACKGROUND:

The Mayor was notified prior to the first publication of the advertisement for bids on July 16, 2014. Bids were received on August 4, 2014 with a low bid of \$505,583.60 submitted by Spruce Valley Corporation. The low bid was approximately 32% below the engineer’s estimate of \$745,035.00.

This project consists of construction of a stormwater pond for LeClerc’s Resubdivision, Crary’s 2nd Addition and future development. This development is part of a larger PUD that will include both residential and commercial development. Currently, these areas exist as vacant farm fields. The developer has hired Widseth Smith Nolting, Inc (WSN) to design the utilities for the first two phases of the development and is installing the necessary utilities at their own cost to meet the required upfront costs. They have requested that the stormwater pond and paving be designed by the City and that the design and construction costs be special assessed to the benefiting properties. It is anticipated that the assessment district will include all the contributing drainage area to the ponds with approximately 75% of the drainage area in a future assessment district.

This pond will serve an area of approximately 142 acres; therefore per City policy, the City will contribute a 15% share of the construction and design engineering cost. The City share will be paid from the Stormwater Utility Fund. The city's share of the cost is estimated to be \$81,087.

Consideration of this project at previous Committee/Council meetings includes:

- July 7, 2014 – Council approved the Engineer's Report, created the Special Assessment District, directed Engineering Department to prepare Plans & Specifications and advertise for Construction Bids for this project.
- July 21, 2014 – Council approved plans and specifications

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Bids were received on August 4, 2014.
- A total of 7 bids were received and opened.
- Bids ranged from \$505,583.60 to \$747,947.78.
- Low bidder was Spruce Valley Corporation in the amount of \$505,583.60.
- Benefitting properties will be special assessed for the project.
- City share of the project is estimated at \$81,087 including engineering.
- Construction is anticipated to take place during the 2014 construction season and be completed by the end of the 2014 construction season.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Abstract of Bids Received
- Timetable for Special Assessment Projects

**ABSTRACT OF BIDS RECEIVED
CITY OF GRAND FORKS, ENGINEERING DEPT.**

BID OPENING DATE: 8/4/14

PROJECT NUMBER AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION			Proj. #7231 Stormwater Pond for Crary's 2nd Addn & LeClerc's Addn	Addendum		Addendum
Engineer's Estimate	Bond	License	\$745,035.00	0		0
CONTRACTOR'S						
<i>Comstock Construction, Inc Wahpeton, ND</i>			\$567,179.00			
<i>Gowan Construction Oslo, MN</i>			\$602,183.15			
<i>Landwehr Construction St. Cloud, MN</i>			No Bid			
<i>On The Level Construction, Inc Grafton, ND</i>			\$597,641.20			
<i>RJ Zavoral & Sons East Grand Forks, MN</i>			\$506,451.75			
<i>Riley Brothers Construction, Inc. Morris, MN</i>			No Bid			
<i>Robinson Excavating Grand Forks, ND</i>			No Bid			
<i>Spruce Valley Middle River, MN</i>			\$505,583.60			
<i>Strata Corporation Grand Forks, ND</i>			\$699,049.10			
<i>United Crane & Excavation Grand Forks, ND</i>			\$747,947.78			

TIMETABLE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Project Name Stormwater Pond for Leclerc's Addition & Crary's 2nd Addition

Project No 7231

Dist No 507

- Water
- Sewer
- Water & Sewer
- Sidewalk
- Other _____

This timetable prepared by RR

Date 5/21/2014

Action

Date of Action

Action	Date of Action			Approved
	Other	Committee	Council	
Approval of Engineers Report including estimate. Resolution creating assessment district. Direct engineering to prepare plans & specifications, and advertise for construction bids.		6/24/2014	7/7/2014	
*Notices sent to property owners.	Week of 7/7/2014			
*Special Assessment Commission to meet to determine preliminary distribution of benefits.	Week of 7/7/2014			
Approval of plans & specs/set bid date.		7/15/2014	7/21/2014	
**Advertisement for bids prepared.	7/16/2014			
*Advertisement for bids published.	7/16/2014			
Discuss Project. (Optional)		7/29/2014		
***Bids received, opened & tabulated.	8/4/2014			
Recommend award of contract.		8/12/2014		
Award Contract.			8/18/2014	We are Here

*Responsibility of Finance & Administrative Services Office

**Responsibility of Engineering Department.

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