

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commission
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: September 1, 2010
RE: Fourth & Beech Street Streetscape Project Bids

For the Agenda of September 7, 2010

Background. Based on the information outlined in the Agenda Report (*copy att'd*) provided to the City Commission at the August 16th meeting, the City Commission conceptually approved a recommendation to reduce the scope of the Beech & Fourth Street Streetscape project. Three bids were received for this project; the low bidder for the project was Robin Harsh Excavating. Gourdie-Fraser, the City's engineer for this project, completed a comparison and analysis of the unit prices received for the project. Robin Harsh Excavating was the original low bidder; he remained the low bidder for this project with the approved reduced scope alternative. Gourdie-Fraser has confirmed that Robin Harsh Excavating will "hold" the unit prices he bid with the project being reduced in scope. Based on his agreement to do so, Gourdie-Fraser has recommended (*see copy of att'd letter*) that the City Commission approve the bids and award the project to Robin Harsh Excavating.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission approve the project bids and award the project to Robin Harsh Excavating?

Alternatives.

1. Approve the bids and award the work to the low bidder.
2. Approve the bids and award the work to a contractor other than the low bidder.
3. Direct the solicitation of new bids.
4. Direct the project be cancelled.
5. Defer/delay/postpone decision regarding the date/time to a future scheduled Commission meeting.

Financial Impact. Reducing the project scope allows the City to meet the original project estimates of \$137,200 – of which \$87,200 is grant funds and \$50,000 is local match funds provided by the Clare Downtown Development Authority.

Recommendations. I recommend that the City Commission approve the bids and award the project work to Robin Harsh Excavating by adoption of the proposed Resolution 2010-088 (*copy att'd*).

Attachments.

1. Agenda Report of August 16th.
2. GFA Letter of Recommendation.
3. Resolution 2010-088.

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TO: Mayor & City Commission
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: August 11, 2010
RE: Beech & W. Fourth Street Streetscape Project Bids

For the Agenda of August 16, 2010

Background. As the Commission is aware, we applied for and received approval for a community development block grant of \$127K (\$50K local DDA match; \$87K grant funds) to construct a streetscape project on West Fourth Street and Beech Street. Gourdie-Fraser (GFA), our engineer of record, solicited project bids for the City; three bids were received – the lowest being for \$204.6K (\$77K over budget).

I'm meeting with GFA tomorrow (Aug 12th) to review the bids and the project to formulate a recommendation(s) regarding where we go from here, e.g., reduce the scope of the project; ask for more grant money; "kill" the project, etc. Based on the results of that meeting, we will also try to convene a special DDA meeting prior to Monday night's City Commission to obtain consensus of any recommendations formulated as a result of tomorrow's meeting with GFA.

I've scheduled this item on the City Commission's August 16th agenda due to the need to obtain a city commission decision if we are going to construct this project this fall. If we are able to develop a course of action that meets with the approval of the DDA and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (the grant agency) prior to Monday's meeting, I will present that recommendation to the City Commission for action. If we are unable to formulate an amenable course of action, I will ask the Commission to withdraw the item from its agenda.

Issues & Questions Specified. As stated above?

Alternatives. Presently unknown.

Financial Impact. Presently unknown.

Recommendations. I will provide the City Staff's and DDA's recommendation to the City Commission Monday.

Attachments. None; attachments supporting the forthcoming recommendations will be provided to the City Commission on Monday.

August 19, 2010

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Re: Fourth and Beech Street Streetscape and Park Improvements
GFA # 10095

Dear Council Members:

Bids were received on August 9th for this project and bids were higher than what the project will allow.

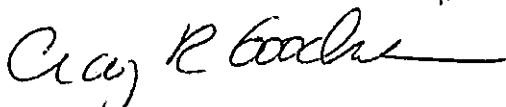
Robbin Harsh Excavating is the low bidder for the Fourth and Beech Streetscape and Park improvements project.

This design project was revised since some of the work was completed as part of the new construction of the Clare Castle project. Park benches, lighting and trash receptacles were added within the park that increased the prices over the original budget. This project has 33 separate bid items and can be adjusted. We have met with representatives of the City of Clare and Robbin Harsh Excavating and have come up with changes which delete some of the items that will allow the project to be built within the original budget.

The bid package that all of the contractors bid, indicate that the Owner (City of Clare) has the right to increase/decrease quantities from the original bid as necessary to complete this project within budget. Robin Harsh has agreed to the adjusted cost of this project.

I recommend that the City approve Robbin Harsh Excavating as the contractor for the Fourth and Beech Streetscape and Parks improvements project with the construction cost of \$112,878.28.

Respectfully,
Gourdie-Fraser, Inc.



Craig Goodrich
Project Manager

RESOLUTION 2010-088

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING BIDS FOR THE BEECH STREET AND WEST FOURTH STREET STREETScape PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City has been offered a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to assist in funding the construction of streetscape on West Fourth Street and Beech Street in Clare; and

WHEREAS, Gourdie-Fraser, the City's engineer for said project, solicited construction bids for said project on behalf of the City of Clare; and

WHEREAS, three bids were received; and

WHEREAS, Gourdie-Fraser has reviewed said bids and determined that the bids received meet project specifications and requirements; and

WHEREAS, all bids received exceeded the project budget estimate;

WHEREAS, said project was reduced in scope to meet budget; and

WHEREAS, an analysis and comparison of unit prices of all bids received for said project revealed that the original low bidder for said project remained the low bidder even with the reduced scope of the project; and

WHEREAS, Gourdie-Fraser has recommended that the City approve the bids and award the project work to the low bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Commission of the City of Clare hereby approves the bids for the construction of the West Fourth Street and Beech Street Streetscape Project and awards the work for said project to Robin Harsh Excavating for a total cost not to exceed 112,878.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission designates its City Manager as its official signatory on any and all documents related to the approval and/or termination of said contract agreement.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INsofar AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

