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MEMORANDUM

Equipment Maintenance
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To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary
FROM: Randy Hill, Public Works Director
DATE: July 18, 2011
RE: Council Action – 2011 Joint Sealing Program

INTRODUCTION:

Bids were requested and received for the 2011 Joint Sealing Program on June 21, 2011.

BACKGROUND:

As part of a comprehensive roadway maintenance operation the periodic sealing of cracks and joints in the city's streets is necessary. The purpose is to prevent water infiltration which seeps to the roadway base resulting in erosion and ultimately further deterioration of the surface because of freezing/thawing and voids.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

The City requested bids from three businesses that specialize in joint sealing. One bid was received. The one and only is from Illowa Investment Inc. Illowa's proposal is \$243,860.85. Unfortunately the city only has \$100,000 budgeted for this work. As a result, the City's Roadway Maintenance Supervisor, Randy Howell, and Illowa's General Manager, Randy Soedt, are meeting to reduce the amount of work to be completed to not exceed the \$100,000 allocation. Work will focus on heavily traveled roadways (i.e. Houser, Fulliam, University, Oregon etc.), both concrete and asphalt, where cracks are most severe. The Roadway Maintenance staff expects to canvass the entire city street network for joint sealing over the next four years.

We recommend authorizing a Purchase Order to Illowa Investment Inc. in an amount NOT TOO EXCEED \$100,000.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

1. Memo dated July 7, 2011 re: Crack & Joint Cleaning-Sealing Contract
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TO: RANDY HILL
FROM: RANDY HOWELL *RH*
SUBJECT: CRACK AND JOINT CLEANING-SEALING CONTRACT
DATE: JULY 7, 2011

On June 21, 2011 the City of Muscatine received only one bid for the Crack and Joint Cleaning-Sealing the streets of Muscatine. The bids are as follows:

Illowa Investment, Inc. Blue Grass, Iowa	\$243,860.85
Gee Asphalt Systems, Inc. Cedar Rapids, Iowa	No Bid
Kluesner Construction, Inc. Farley, Iowa	No Bid

The bid from Illowa Investment Inc. of \$243,860.85 is over what the City of Muscatine had budgeted. The budgeted amount was \$100,000. I will meet with Illowa and reduce the footage so the amount of the contract will not exceed \$100,000.

I recommend we accept the bid from Illowa Investment, Inc. from Blue Grass, Iowa.