



MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council

THRU: Chris Brown, Public Works Director
Susan Norton, Chief of Staff

FROM: Matt Casey, Engineering Design Manager

DATE:

SUBJECT: **Approval of a contract in the amount of \$2,315,976.00 with Sweetser Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Prairie St. & West Ave. Improvements Project, approval of a project contingency of \$230,000.00 (10%) and approval of a budget adjustment.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a contract in the amount of \$2,315,976.00 with Sweetser Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Prairie St. & West Ave. Improvements Project, approval of a project contingency of \$230,000.00 (10%) and approval of a budget adjustment.

BACKGROUND:

This project is part of the Downtown Walkability Improvements Project in the 2019 Transportation Bond Program. Citizen feedback during the Fayetteville Mobility Plan and the Parking Master Plan indicated a desire for better walkability in the downtown area. Poor lighting, narrow and obstructed sidewalks, lack of curb ramps, and need for additional crosswalks were all identified as areas of concern. This allocation of funds allows for implementation of these types of improvements, on street corridors within the downtown area.

This project continues the work that was completed along West Ave. as part of the Cultural Arts Corridor Ramble project. The improvements extend along West Ave. from South Street to Prairie Street. Also included are improvements along Prairie Street from South School Avenue to S. Gregg Avenue. The improvements include the addition of on-street parking, sidewalks, street trees and street lighting.

The City of Fayetteville Engineering Division has prepared the design for this project.

DISCUSSION:

On October 3, 2023, the City received two (3) construction bids for this project. Sweetser Construction, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$2,315,976.00 for the total bid. Engineering staff recommends awarding this contract to Sweetser Construction, Inc. The contract time is 365 days (12 months) for substantial completion.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

The roadway and drainage improvements are funded by the 2022 Transportation Bond Program.

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ACCOUNT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
4702.860.7214-5809.00	46020.7214.1020	\$ 2,315,976.00

ATTACHMENTS: 23-1178 SRF Sweetser Const Contr Prairie West (#3), 23-1178 BA Sweetser Const Contr Prairie West (#4), 00500 Agreement (#5), Bid 23-36, Bid Tab - Final (#6), Bid 23-36, Submittal - Sweetser Construction, Inc. - E (#7), Council Layout Plan (#8), Vicinity Map (#9)