

	<p>Agenda Item: Contract</p> <p>Title: Award of Design Build Contract for Spring Creek Trail Phase 2</p>
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Recommended Council MOTION:

I move that the City Council approve the contract between the City of Laramie, Wyoming and Big Huhnks Excavation, Inc. for Design-Build Services to construct the Spring Creek Trail Phase 2 Project, in an amount not to exceed one million seven hundred ninety-four thousand eighty-four dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$1,794,084.99) and with a contingency budget of nine hundred twenty-one thousand forty-eight dollars and one cent (\$921,048.01), and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Provide quality parks and recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to the City; Develop infrastructure to enhance existing parks and recreation facilities and amenities for residents and visitors to the City.

Background:

The Spring Creek Trail initiative is a multi-phase project undertaken by the City to establish an east/west bike path along Spring Creek, contributing to the broader goal of creating a network of bike paths encircling the town. Phase 1, supported by a Transportation Alternatives Program award, was completed and now connects Garfield St and 30th St to LaPrele Park at 23rd St.

In Phase II, the City was awarded a WORG grant in the amount of \$2,479,705, with a City match of \$235,428, for a project total of \$2,715,133 to continue to extend the trail westward through a WORG-qualifying Census tract, linking 23rd St to 9th St. The benefits of this project include improved pedestrian safety, carbon reduction, providing a safe means of travel for those without vehicles, and promoting healthy lifestyles. The project addresses infrastructure gaps along Spring Creek, including improving ADA accessibility and ensuring safe connectivity to three local schools. Additionally, trail development propels Laramie's economic development plan, which emphasizes outdoor recreation and improving quality of life.

In November 2025, the City began the Design-Build process with a Request for Qualifications. Four firms submitted Statements of Qualification, and all four were invited to submit Requests for Proposal. All four firms submitted their RFP's and took part in presentations to the selection committee, which consisted of employees from Parks, Recreation, and Public Services, Engineering, and Planning. All four firms were then scored on a "best value" basis which judged the firms on their technical qualifications as well as the cost proposal submitted.

Firm	Base Bid	Add Alternate	Total
Big Huhnks Excavation, Inc.	\$1,775,004.99	\$19,080.00	\$1,794,084.99
Prairie Equipment	\$1,823,028.10	Included	\$1,823,028.10
Reiman Corp	\$2,350,384.70	\$72,372.00	\$2,422,756.70
S&S Builders	\$2,520,395.50	\$106,412.50	\$2,626,808.00

Based on the total scores, staff recommends that Big Huhnks Excavation, Inc. be awarded the contract.

We are asking for the contingency amount, which is the difference between the design build contract amount and the total project amount, so we can work with the granting agency to determine what ability we may have in expanding the existing scope of the award to maximize the usage of grant dollars, and maximize the benefit and improvements that additional enhancements would provide to the community.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

N/A

Budget/Fiscal Impact:

Expense

Proposed Project Cost.

Project Budget	Amount	Funds
Project Cost	\$1,794,084.99	Project Cost
Loans on Project		
Grants for Project	\$2,479,705.00	WORG Grant
Other/Outside Projects		
City's Amount	\$235,428.00	2018 SPT Funds
Contingency	0%	\$921,048.01
Total Amount	\$2,715,133.00	

Responsible Staff:

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Attachments:

Design Build Contract – Big Huhnks Excavation, Inc.