



STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 19, 2026

TO: Ted Henry, City Manager

FROM: Anne Stephens, PE, City Engineer

RE: Aurora Park Ditch Seeding

BACKGROUND:

The original bids for the Aurora Park Paving and Drainage project only included a bid item for seeding in the area of the paving improvements (Base Bid). The remaining portion of the project (Alternate 2) where the ditches were cleaned out did not have a bid item for seeding.

DISCUSSION:

The original plans for the Aurora Park Paving and Drainage project included a note that stated that the project seeding was subsidiary to the cost of the project. However, despite this note, the Base Bid for the project, which included the paving and ditch grading of the north portion of Parkwood and 40th Street, east of Parkwood, included a bid item for project seeding. The alternate for the ditch cleanout did not include this same bid item. Typically, if a note indicating that seeding is subsidiary to the project costs is added to the plans, there will be no separate bid items for project seeding.

This was oversight and confusion was not noticed until the project was nearing completion. The City reached out to three vendors (Countryside, Seeders and Tree Top). Countryside does not perform this type of work, Tree Top was not able to fit it in their schedule in the time frame requested but Seeders returned a bid in the amount of \$33,410.00 for the seeding of the ditches.

Kansas Paving also provided a change order for the seeding of the ditches in the amount of \$47,968.25. The change order also included \$83,417.99 for additional potholing of utilities (\$36,363.64 for labor and \$47,054.35 in equipment) plus an additional 15% for overhead and profit on all three items amounting to an additional \$19,707.94 for a grand total request of \$151,094.17. (Staff will not accept this request)

Attached to this Staff Report are copies of Seeders quote directly to the City, a copy of Kansas Paving's Change Order Request #8 and a map showing where the seeding needs to occur.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: The additional costs for the seeding will come from the City's Storm Sewer budget.

RECOMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council accept the direct quote from Seeders in the amount of \$33,410.00.