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Mayor Jacque and City Council Members  
City of Dyersville  
Memorial Building  
340 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East  
Dyersville, IA 52040

RE: Recommendation to award 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue over Bear Creek 2023 Project

Dear Honorable Mayor Jacque and Council Members:

I recommend awarding 1st Avenue over Bear Creek 2023 Project to Taylor Construction, Inc. for \$555,992.48. The total project cost was estimated to be \$575,000 from bond proceeds. We entered into an engineering contract with WHKS with a not to exceed \$43,300, meaning a budget shortfall of about \$25,000. However, we have explored some options to reduce project costs and consulted with our engineer to identify potential measures to mitigate the budget shortfall without compromising the quality or integrity of the project. We can effectively manage the budget and complete the project within the allocated funds.

On the other hand, if we cannot reduce construction costs, we have a projected surplus of approximately \$30,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund for this fiscal year. We can strategically use this surplus to address the remaining budget gap and ensure the successful completion of the project without any financial burden on the city.

It would be wise to choose the bid from Taylor Construction. It will allow us to stick to our original project timeline and prevent the need for costly rebuilding, additional engineering expenses, and potential project time delays in the future. By approving this bid and utilizing the surplus funds wisely, we can fulfill our commitment to the community while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Thank you for considering my recommendation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick J. Michel", is written over the word "Sincerely," and the printed name below.

Mick J. Michel,  
City Administrator