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STAFF REPORT

For the Meeting of October 26, 2026

Title/Subject

Resolution 2445 - Sherman Park Contract Award

Summary and Background

The City of Hermiston received funding through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Local Government Grant Program to develop Sherman Park, identified as Cimmaron Park in the original grant agreement. The approved project includes playground equipment, sidewalks, landscaping, irrigation and other improvements necessary to develop the property into a new public park.

Construction bids were opened on August 18, 2026, with three bids received. Silver Creek Contracting LLC submitted the lowest bid at $451,288.22. This exceeded the Landscape Architect's estimate of $290,000 and the City's available construction budget.

City staff and Anderson Perry & Associates worked with Silver Creek Contracting to value engineer the project and identify portions of the work that could be purchased separately or completed outside the primary construction contract. Silver Creek accepted the proposed changes, reducing its contract amount by $204,068.03 to **$247,220.19**.

The City will purchase the playground equipment separately and contract for its installation. Following completion of the contract documents, the City anticipates beginning construction with the goal of opening Sherman Park in late Spring 2027.

Tie-In to Council Goals

City Facilities: Public facilities that meet the community needs of today and the future
Wellness: A Healthy Community

Fiscal Information

The Local Government Grant Program agreement establishes the following project funding:

- OPRD LGGP grant funding: $302,736, or 60% of eligible project costs
- City of Hermiston match: $201,824, or 40%
- Total approved project cost: $504,560

The City's required match consists of $182,000 in land-acquisition value and $19,824 in City budgeted funds. Grant funds are provided on a reimbursement basis at 60% of eligible project expenses, up to the maximum grant award of $302,736.

Silver Creek Contracting LLC's original bid was $451,288.22. Following value engineering and scope negotiations, the proposed contract award is **$247,220.19**, representing a reduction of $204,068.03.

The Silver Creek contract covers the primary site-development work, including demolition and site preparation, grading, concrete walkways and curbing, selected landscaping and irrigation, utilities, fencing, signage, playground base preparation and erosion control. Playground equipment and installation, sod, the picnic shelter, benches, receptacles, the drinking fountain and other selected amenities will be purchased or completed separately by the City. These items remain part of the overall Sherman Park project but are not included in the Silver Creek contract.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Approve Resolution 2445
2. Reject Resolution 2445

Recommended Action/Motion:

Motion to approve Resolution 2445

Submitted By:

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