



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** December 11, 2023

**ITEM TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing and Approving Amended Bridge Agreement with Buchanan County

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### **BACKGROUND:**

This item was discussed during the Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Session. Staff has been reviewing options for Bridge Inspection Services and after receiving one proposal from Origin Desing, reached out to Buchanan County to inquire if they could provide Bridge Inspection and Load Rating Services for the City. The contract was then originally approved at the Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Additional revisions to the contract were necessary to meet the requirements of the County. Article III – The Contract Sum has been updated to include the City's obligation to compensate the County for any costs associated with listing the City as Additional Insured on their Insurance. Article IV has been renamed to County Insurance Requirements and outlines the requirements for insurance to be provided by the County. Additionally, the original Article V – Indemnification – has been removed at the request of the County. This was a non-negotiable item for the County, but Staff has talked with the City Attorney as well as the City's insurance provider for background and feels that having the City named as Additional Insured provides the needed level of protection should a qualifying event occur.

### **RESULTS:**

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Expanding and Enhancing Infrastructure. This item helps achieve that vision by ensuring that the City is maintaining its existing infrastructure to enhance the lifespan of those facilities, as well as meeting the State of Iowa DOT requirements.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

Funds for this item are included within the already approved budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution authorizing and approving the amended bridge agreement with Buchanan County and to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.