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TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Award of Clean California Gateway Landscape Improvement Project to Jagimo Corporation Inc. DBA J+G Lawn + Garden in the Amount of \$148,984.00 with Further Authorization for the City Manager to Execute an Agreement in Coordination with the City Attorney

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Award the Gateway Landscape Improvement Project to Jagimo Corporation Inc. DBA J+G Lawn + Garden in the Amount of \$148,984.00 and further Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement in Coordination with the City Attorney.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On November 7, 2023 the City Council authorized staff to rebid the Gateway Landscape Improvement project after initial bids on the first proposal came in too high. Staff worked with the State Clean California Program to dial the project down to the specific grant requirements for the project. Staff received bids back on January 8, 2024 and there was one bidder, J&G Landscaping who has worked for the city before on other projects. The bid came in near the budgeted figure at \$148,984. At this time staff recommends awarding the project to the lone bidder and executing an agreement.

Previous direction from the Council included preserving the existing Cherry trees on Wildwood Avenue. However, Clean California staff made clear that that change was not allowable under the grant. The Gateway Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation was to work with the contractor on a change order to remove the trees and their root balls to give away to the public, instead of simply cutting down the trees entirely. Staff is working with the contractor to develop a proposal for the Council's consideration, however this change order will not be covered by the Clean California Grant and will need to be paid for through City funds. Staff hopes to bring such a potential change order back at the next meeting for Council consideration.

Funds available for the overall Gateway Project total \$240,870 when including a \$5,000 donation from PG&E and the reassignment of a \$38,000 budget allocation of beatification funds towards the project. Based upon all bids received, the current estimated cost of the Gateway project, including landscaping and exercise station are at \$208,929. ///