

March 15, 2012

The Board of Aldermen, City of Kearney, Missouri, met in special session at Kearney City Hall, 100 East Washington, March 15, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Dane presiding. Members present were Jeff Couchman, Tom Patterson, Jenny Hayes and Dan Holt. Staff members present were Jim Eldridge, David Pavlich and Shirley Zimmerman.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF LOW BID/AWARDING CONTRACT TO IDEKER CONSTRUCTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BENNETT BOULEVARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-2012** A Resolution, selecting Ideker, Inc. as lowest and best bidder for \$896,766.60 for Bennett Boulevard Project and authorizing Mayor to sign the contract, was presented and read by Title only.

Staff presented a memo from Sabin Yanez of Cook, Flatt, Strobel reporting their findings after interviewing the two lowest bidders on the Bennett Boulevard project.

Mr. Yanez states that the low dollar bidder, Ground Breaking Excavation has been in existence since April of 2011 and has not completed any jobs similar to Bennett Boulevard, since it has been in business.

Bennett Boulevard will be tested immediately with the very toughest and heaviest semi-truck traffic, being an access road to Pilot Travel Center. It is paramount the City select a contractor that is qualified in the construction of heavy duty roads.

Staff said the second lowest bidder, Ideker, Inc. has been in business since 1947 and is well recognized in the public works construction business. The City has direct experience with Ideker. They constructed Platte Clay Way in the late 1980's. It remains a very serviceable road. Ideker also completed the I-35 pavement replacement last year and helped coordinate the 92 Highway bridge replacement without traffic interruption.

Staff presented a letter received from Ground Breaking Excavation explaining why they felt they should be chosen.

Staff said they recommend the City recognize Ideker, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder as defined in the City's Procurement Policy and award a contract to them in the amount of \$896,766.60 for the construction of Bennett Boulevard.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 10-2012** Virgil Barchers said Ideker, Inc. has done work for MoDOT and understands their highway specifications.

John Mullen, Ground Breaking Excavation, said if the City continues to award bids to the second bidder people like him will never get a job.

Mayor Dane said we must always select the lowest and best bid to protect the City.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hayes and seconded by Alderman Holt to approve the Resolution selecting Ideker, Inc. as lowest and best bidder for \$896,766.60 for Bennett Boulevard Project and authorizing Mayor to sign the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Alderman Holt and seconded by Alderwoman Hayes to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Billy R. Dane, Mayor** **Joan H. Updike, City Clerk**