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May 14, 2026

Mayor and City Council
City of Baxter
13190 Memorywood Drive
Baxter, MN 56425

RE: Bid Review and Award Recommendation
2026 Micro Surfacing Project
BMI Project No.: 25X.141768.000

Dear Mayor and Council:

Pursuant to authority of the City Council and after proper legal advertisement, bids for the above referenced project were opened and read aloud at Baxter City Hall at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 14, 2026. The project consists of 5.2 miles of city streets consisting of:

- Baxter Drive north of TH 210, Conservation Drive, and Fairview Road from Conservation Drive to Baxter Drive.
- Excelsior Road from Inglewood Drive to roundabout at Edgewood Drive and Cypress Drive east to the city limit
- Edgewood Drive from Excelsior Road to Woida Road
- Dellwood Drive from Design Road to 400 feet north of Woida Road and Whispering Woods Lane to Wise Road (CSAH 49).

Two (2) bids were received from the companies listed below. Please refer to the attached Bid Abstract for a summary of the bids submitted.

Company	Bid
ASTECH Corporation	\$602,411.18
Fahrner Asphalt	\$695,059.20
Engineer's Estimate of Construction Cost	\$657,065.20

All bids conformed to the plans, specifications and advertisement. One mathematical error was found in the ASTECH bid that increased their bid amount by \$4.40 to a total of \$602,415.58. The low bid is approximately 8.3% lower than the Engineer's estimate of \$657,065.20. We are familiar with ASTECH Corporation of St. Cloud, Minnesota as they have completed the City of Baxter 2021 to 2025 Micro Surfacing Projects. We consider them the low, responsible bidder and recommend awarding the bid to ASTECH Corporation of St. Cloud, Minnesota in the amount of \$602,415.58.

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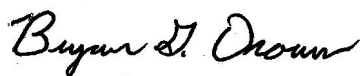
On the north end of Dellwood Drive the east half of the street for a quarter mile south of Wise Road (CSAH 49) is in the City of Brainerd. The City of Brainerd has agreed to participate in the project for this segment which equates to 3% of the project. A breakdown of the low bid detailing the City of Baxter portion and City of Brainerd portion is attached as is summarized as follows:

	Total Project	City of Baxter	City of Brainerd
Construction Cost:	\$602,415.58	\$583,846.58	\$18,569.00
Engineering Cost:	\$59,312.00	\$57,532.64	\$1,779.36
Total Project Cost:	\$661,727.58	\$641,379.22	\$20,348.36

If you have any questions regarding the bids, the award process, or project costs, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bolton & Menk, Inc.



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Enclosure: Bid Abstract

Low Bid Breakdown

Cc: Trevor Walter, PE – Baxter Public Works Director