



REQUEST FOR ACTION
CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Date: 5/5/2026
Agenda Section: Business Item

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-037 Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract to RL Larson Excavating, Inc. for the 2026 Clearwater Road, North Lynndale Area, and Brentwood Circle Utility & Street Improvements Project, Municipal Project No. 4068

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

Plans for the project were presented at the January 7th Utility Commission meeting, and at the February 4th City Council Meeting. A Resolution was passed at the February 4th Council Meeting Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids.

Pursuant to authority of the City Council and after proper legal advertisement, bids for the above referenced project were obtained at 11:00 A.M., in Baxter City Hall on Tuesday March 10, 2026.

The following six (6) bids were received:

Contractor:	Bid Amount:
RL Larson Excavating, Inc.	\$6,314,781.98
J.R. Ferche, Inc.	\$6,469,701.91
Ryan Contracting Co.	\$6,700,169.40
Geislinger & Sons	\$7,542,963.91
Kuechle Underground, Inc.	\$7,555,954.21
Meyer Contracting, Inc.	\$8,017,705.76

RL Larson Excavating, Inc. of St. Cloud, Minnesota is the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$6,314,781.98 for the 2026 Clearwater Road, North Lynndale Area, and Brentwood Circle Utility & Street Improvements Project, Municipal Project No. 4068. A letter noting the Recommendation of Award to RL Larson Excavating, Inc. is included as an attachment.

The total project cost estimate identified below in the Financial Implications section is based on the as-bid construction costs, costs to date, and soft cost projections. The Assessment Hearing is scheduled for May 4, 2026 at 6:00 pm. A resolution to adopt assessments is being presented to City Council for action at the May 5th Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Project Budget was adopted at the Council Meeting on April 7, 2026.

Project Budget: (April 7, 2026)

Construction	\$6,314,781.98
Additional Street Costs (Lynndale Lane)	\$193,989.50
Contingency (5%)	\$315,629.02
Quality Flow (Lift Station 27 Components)	\$58,650.00
True North Controls (Antenna/Path Study)	\$815.00

Pole for Lift Station 27	\$1,850.50
Prior Engineering	\$81,212.00
Prior Engineering (Feasibility Studies by Widseth in 2024/2025)	\$36,065.00
Engineering- Design, Construction, Geotechnical	\$1,202,152.00
Legal, Financing, Miscellaneous	\$174,803.00
Property Acquisition	\$77,025.00
Property Acquisition (Eminent Domain)	\$10,000.00
SAC/WAC	\$78,600.00
TOTAL	\$8,545,573.00

<u>Financial Summary</u>	Current	<i>Feasibility Study</i>
Benefitting Property Assessments	\$1,840,005	\$1,921,005
City Cost	\$6,705,568	\$5,439,468
Total	\$8,545,573	\$7,360,473

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 2026-037 Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract to RL Larson Excavating, Inc. for the 2026 Clearwater Road, North Lynndale Area, and Brentwood Circle Utility & Street Improvements Project, Municipal Project No. 4068.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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