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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
Joshua Tetzlaff, City Administrator

CC: Matt Rynda, Public Works Director
Bruce Reimers, Utilities General Manager

FROM: Chris Knutson, PE, City Engineer (Lic. MN))

DATE: May 13, 2026

RE: 2026 Street Improvement Project
Resolution Accepting Bids
SEH No. SEH No. NEWPR 188030 14.00

BID OPENING

Attached is a summary of the bid opening held on Friday, May 8, 2026, along with a summary tabulation of the four bids received with the recommendation of award.

REVIEW OF BIDS / BUDGET IMPACTS

Cost estimates for the project were put together last year and updated just prior to the project bidding. A summary of these estimates is shown below:

Contractor	Base Bid
S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc.	\$989,998.00
Final Engineer's Estimate	\$1,048,328.00
Wm. Mueller & Sons, Inc.	\$1,063,453.65
GMH Asphalt Corporation	\$1,128,669.05
Valley Paving, Inc.	\$1,253,437.00

The project includes the improvements identified within the Feasibility Report and for general street and utility reconstruction. The low bidder on the project was S.M. Hentges, Inc out of Jordan, MN with a total bid of \$989,998.00. The low bid by S.M. Hentges, Inc. is approximately 5% lower than the Final Engineer's Estimate. S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc has previously completed work in the City of New Prague, primarily the Main Street improvements.

The following table shows the cost split for the improvements compared to S.M. Hentges bid. Note that utility work on this project is exclusively storm sewer related. Sanitary sewer and water main improvements only include valve or manhole adjustments to match the adjusted road elevation.

Improvement	Final Engineer's Estimate	S.M. Hentges Construction Bid
Street and Restoration	\$935,248.00	\$881,014.60
Storm Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, and Water Main	\$113,080.00	\$108,983.40
	\$1,048,328.00	\$989,998.00

The preliminary engineer's estimate for construction presented in December was \$970,000, not including contingency (\$97,000). The final engineer's estimate and bid provided by S.M. Hentges & Sons is within the expected range of costs estimated for the Project's construction.

As of today (May 13, 2026), we are waiting for a signed Title Sheet from MnDOT that is required prior to award of the Project. If this is received prior to the May 18th council meeting, Council can proceed with award of the Project. Otherwise, award will not be possible until the June 1st council meeting. Award of the Project at the later meeting is not expected to affect overall schedule of the Project. Substantial completion of the Project is expected by August 29th with the road fully open to traffic at that time. Some work off the roadway may the following weeks, though traffic will not be affected.

SEH will provide a proposal for services related to construction of the project at the June 1st council meeting. A proposal from Chosen Valley Testing will be obtained for construction testing throughout the project and presented at that same time.

STAFF/ENGINEER RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached Resolution Accepting Bids for the 2026 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT and to award the contract to S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc., of Jordan, Minnesota.

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Attachment: Resolution Accepting Bids