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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 27, 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.

This project has been approved by MnDOT can be awarded to the low bidder. Proposals for materials testing will be provided at the June 15th council meeting.

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