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**CITY OF PORT LAVACA**

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**COUNCIL MEETING:** MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2026

**DATE:** 03.18.2026

**TO:** JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

**CC:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**FROM:** KATERYNA THOMAS, GRANTS & CIP COORDINATOR  
WAYNE SHAFFER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

**SUBJECT:** CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD FOR 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT,  
WESTERN HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT

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**Background:**

On March 17, 2026, the City received four bids for the 2026 Capital Improvement Project – Western Heights Improvement. The Engineer’s Estimate for the Base Bid was \$2,144,000.00.

**The Base Bid** for the Western Heights Improvement Project includes full roadway reconstruction ( Short St, Central Ave, Warehouse St, Border St), drainage system upgrades, and water service replacements. Improvements consist of pavement removal, subgrade stabilization, installation of a flexible base and asphalt surface, new curb and gutter, sidewalks, and ADA-compliant ramps. The project also includes installation of new storm sewer infrastructure to improve drainage and reduce flooding, along with traffic control, erosion control, and site restoration measures.

**Add Alternate Bid No. 1:** Includes the construction of additional 4-inch thick concrete sidewalks within the project area to enhance pedestrian accessibility and connectivity. The work consists of sidewalk installation, grading, and associated improvements necessary to meet ADA standards and improve overall walkability and safety for residents.

Lester Contracting, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid for the Base Bid and Add Alternate No. 1. The Engineer’s Recommendation Letter and detailed bid tabulation are attached for review.

**Financial Consideration:**

This project will be funded through the 2024 Series Bonds. A remaining balance of \$2,201,030.24 is available, which is sufficient to cover the construction contract amount of \$1,845,781.00.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the construction contract award to Lester Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$1,845,781.00 for the Base Bid and Add Alternate No. 1. The contract time is established at 300 calendar days.

**Attachments:**

Engineer’s Recommendation Letter  
Detailed Bid Tabulation