

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING 9/28/2026
AGENDA ITEM NO. __**

SUBJECT: City of Rochelle – 2026 1st Avenue and 9th Street Pavement improvements bid acceptance and contract award

Staff Contact: Sam Tesreau, City Engineer

Summary:

The 2026 1st Avenue and 9th Street Pavement improvements project was identified in the 2026 CIP and is considered Phase 1 of street improvements along this route. The project will include new storm sewer drainage upgrades, to replace old deteriorated and undersized existing storm sewers, inlets and manholes along with new HMA pavement as well as curb and gutter replacement along portions of the street. Earlier this year sidewalks and much of the curb and gutter, along the southerly side of the street were replaced under the City's Sidewalk CIP.

The project will extend from 9th Street to east of 2nd Street and along 9th Street from the UPRR to Lincoln Avenue. Intermittent road closures are expected in the Fall of 2026 during the initial underground storm sewer and curb replacement work while most of the paving work is expected to be completed in 2027.

The above-mentioned project was advertised in the Rochelle Newsleader and on the City website. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on September 23, 2026 at 10 am for the above referenced project. Separate bids were received as follows:

- Martin & Company Excavating submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$743,041.80
- O'Brien Civil Works submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$775,755.55
- Elliott and Wood Company submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$854,500.00

The lowest bid is approximately 3% higher than the Engineers' estimate of cost. The project is being funded with Sales Tax funds for infrastructure, and a transfer will be made to the 2026 CIP fund 36-00 to cover the City expenses associated with the project. Furthermore, given the favorable contract unit prices for multiple construction items it is recommended that approval be given to the City Manager and/or the City Engineer to negotiate additional work or contract change orders, not to exceed \$96,000, within the proposed bid contract prices to facilitate other improvements and upgrades to streets or other storm sewer systems adjacent to this project.

It is anticipated that the construction project will be substantially complete by early June 2027. However, additional time will be granted for any City/RMU utility adjustments or additional work as may be added to the contract.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted/ estimated Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
CIP 36-00 variable sources	\$838,000	Bid proposal \$743,042 improvement add on \$96,000

Strategic Plan Goal:

Infrastructure Effectiveness and Improvement short term complex

Recommendation:

- Consider a resolution accepting the Bid proposal and award the contract to Martin and Company Excavating and reject all other bids received.
- Consider a resolution for the approval and authorization of a not to exceed \$96,000 improvement add on or contract change order to be negotiated by the City Manager and/or City Engineer for the 2026 1st Avenue and 9th Street pavement improvement project or adjacent to said project limits that are determined to be germane to the contract by the City Engineer.