



Public Works Agenda Item

Meeting Date: November 11, 2025

Agenda Item: Contract 3-2025

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Return Activated Sludge Pump Addition Project was advertised with bids due on October 28, 2025. Two bids were received.

Sabel Mechanical	\$243,850.00
August Winter & Sons	\$274,200.00

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

The Public Works Committee and Common Council approved Task Order 25-04 for the design of the project in February 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

Strand's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost was \$158,000. The project was included in the 2026 CIP with a budget of \$140,000. Strand reached out to Sabel Mechanical after the bid and asked for a breakout of costs. The huge difference was in Electrical where Sabel Mechanical was estimating \$126,000 worth of work.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The low bid is 55% higher than the estimate. Staff cannot justify a recommendation to move forward with this project at this time. Staff recommends a motion to reject all bids and not award the contract and forward to council for final action. Staff will also ask Finance to remove this project from the CIP for consideration next year.

Due to the small scale of construction, staff will look to do this project in conjunction with and when another project is planned at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Bid Tab
