



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	February 17, 2026
Agenda Item:	Jefferson Street Reconstruction
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BACKGROUND

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

Jefferson Street from E. Main Street to the Walworth/Jefferson County Line (north of Starin Road) is planned for reconstruction in 2026 and 2027. Work includes replacing sanitary sewer and water mains and laterals, storm sewer, sidewalk, curb & gutter and asphalt pavement. The majority of the terrace trees will be removed. The project also includes a section on North Street from Jefferson Street to Cherry Street. Work in this section includes water main and storm sewer installation, replacing curb & gutter and asphalt pavement.

The project had a bid opening on Tuesday February 10, 2026. Four bids were received.

Rock Road Companies, Inc	\$3,989,284.03
Fischer Excavating, Inc	\$4,197,155.76
Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc	\$4,412,485.00
Super Excavators, Inc	\$4,763,168.00

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

The design of this project was approved in the 2024-2025 CIP budget with the Task Order approved by the Public Works Committee in November 2024 and Council in December 2024. The construction project was approved as part of the 2026-2027 CIP budget. The Public Works Committee recommend to award the project to the low bid of Rock Road Companies, Inc.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

The low bid is higher than the budgeted amount. Below is a breakdown by account.

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Levy	\$1,546,000	\$1,644,253.53
Water	\$680,500	\$751,743.50
Sanitary Sewer	\$837,500	\$1,204,933.00
Storm Sewer	<u>\$237,800</u>	<u>\$388,354.00</u>
	\$3,302,400	\$3,989,284.03

The attached table indicates the overruns and the varying ways each account can pay for the overruns.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff would like to proceed with the Jefferson Street project even though the project came in over budget. As indicated, there are funds available that can be shifted and projects delayed, if need be, to cover these overruns. Additionally, there are 15 public side lead services that need to be replaced. These were not replaced as part of the Lead Service Line Replacement Project last year due to the anticipation of Jefferson Street being under construction in 2026. The additional costs can also be attributed to a portion of this project being completed in 2027 due to the amount of work that needs to be completed by both private

utility relocations and the City's own work. Delaying this project will only increase the costs. Based on this, staff is recommending a motion to award Contract 3-2026, Jefferson Street Reconstruction to the low bidder, Rock Road Companies, Inc.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

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1. Budget vs Bid
 2. Bid Summary Letter
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