



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report
Committee of the Whole May 27, 2025
City Council – June 2, 2025

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

06/02/2025

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Agenda Item: Bids for City Project No. 8576, District No. 362 – Highway 81 & Associated Area Watermain Phase II

Submitted by: Engineering Department, Christian Danielson, PE (Assistant City Engineer)

Staff Recommended Action: **Approve contract to low bidder, Flatland Enterprise, in the amount of \$1,689,890.00 subject to review of low bidder qualifications and cost share approval from State Water Commission for City Project No. 8576, District No. 362 – Highway 81 & Associated Area Watermain Phase II**

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Weigel, second by Berg to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to approve on consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND:

Bids for this project were opened on May 22, 2025. A total of 3 bids were received and the low bid was submitted by Flatland Enterprise in the amount of \$1,689,890.00. This bid is less than 1% over the Engineer's Estimate of \$1,686,468.00.

The low bidding contractor is one that has not done any recent work in the City. Staff is working to validate that they are capable of doing the work and is expecting to have a final recommendation prior to the June 2 City Council meeting.

The work of this proposed project consists of installing watermain in the Highway 81 annexation area. This phase covers most of the properties adjacent to the east side of Highway 81 from 27th Ave N up to 33rd Ave N. It also includes several properties along the north end of Mill Rd. This project will provide water service and fire protection to the properties adjacent to the project. The attached assessment district map shows the location of the proposed watermain project.

This project has been considered at a number of previous Council/Committee/Public meetings, some of which are as follows:

- October 21, 2024 – Council approved the Engineer's Report, created the Special Assessment District, approve a Task Order with AE2S, directed Engineering Department to prepare Plans & Specifications and advertise for Construction Bids for this project.
- November 4, 2024 – Council approved a revised Special Assessment District map.
- May 5, 2025 – Council approved the Plans and Specifications for this project.
- May 19, 2025 – Council approved a Revised Engineer's report for this project.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Bids were received May 22, 2025.
- A total of 3 bids were received and all bids were opened.
- The bids received ranged from \$1,689,890.00 to \$1,798,531.50.
- The lowest bid received was from Flatland Enterprise in the amount of \$1,689,890.00.
- The Engineer's Estimate for this project was \$1,686,468.00.
- The low bid is less than 1% above the Engineer's Estimate.
- This project is not protestable as per ND Century Code 40-22-15.
- A task order with AE2S has already been approved in the amount of \$149,020.
- This project will be funded utilizing special assessments as well as an anticipated North Dakota State Water Commission (NDSWC) cost share. The previous phase of watermain in this area received approximately 60% cost sharing from NDSWC. A similar cost share is anticipated for both of the remaining phases.
- The SWC is anticipated to make a final approval decision on this cost share on June 12, 2025.
- The City has previously agreed to assume the assessments for all properties excluding Lot 2, Block 1 which is currently owned by a private party. This lot does not lie within the proposed assessment district for any of these projects.
- The City assumption of assessments is to be funded by Water Utility Revenue through Fund 5300, utilizing a State Revolving Fund Loan. The City cost is estimated to be \$963,620.
- The project is expected to be constructed during the 2025 construction season.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Bid Abstract (1 page)
- District Map (1 page)

Annexation Area Watermain Expansion Phase 2

City of Grand Forks

Grand Forks, ND

City Project No. 8576 (District #362); AE2S Project No. P00105-2022-019

Bid Opening Time 2:00 PM CDT Date Thursday, May 22, 2025

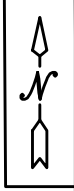
		Download Addendum 1	Bid Bond	Non-Collusion Affidavit	MBE/WBE Subcontractor Solicitation Information	Debarment Certification	ND Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal	Project 8576: Annexation Area Watermain Expansion Phase 2 Base Bid
Contractor								
1	Flatland Enterprise	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$1,689,890.00
2	R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$1,691,755.00
3	United Crane & Excavation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$1,798,531.50
	Engineer's Estimate							\$1,766,776.00



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33RD AVE N

30TH AVE N

27TH AVE N

HWY 81




MILL RD

WATERMAIN FOR HWY 81 & ASSOCIATED AREA - PHASE II

LEGEND

PROJECT # 8576

DISTRICT # 362

-  ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY
-  PROJECT LIMITS
-  CITY LIMITS