



City of Grand Forks  
Staff Report (UPDATED 3/12/2026)  
Committee of the Whole – March 9, 2026  
City Council – March 16, 2026

**APPROVED & ACCEPTED**  
*by City Council*  
*Maureen Storstad*  
03/16/2026  
Maureen Storstad  
City Auditor

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**Agenda Item:** Bids for City Project No. 8999 – 2026 Sanitary Sewer Repairs, Project No. 9000 – 2026 Watermain Repairs, and Project No. 9001 – 2026 Storm Sewer Repairs

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**Submitted by:** Engineering Department, Angelica Beto, EIT (Civil Engineer)  
Shane Duchscher, PE (Civil Engineer, Principle)  
Edward Liberman, PE (Assistant City Engineer)

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**Staff Recommended Action:** Award contract to low bidder, Taggart Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$352,269 and approve any necessary budget amendments for Project No. . 8999 – 2026 Sanitary Sewer Repairs, Project No. 9000 – 2026 Watermain Repairs, and Project No. 9001 – 2026 Storm Sewer Repairs

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**Committee Recommended Action:**

Motion by Sande, second by Osowski to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve the staff recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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**BACKGROUND:**

Bids for these projects were opened on March 12, 2026. 1 bid was received. The bid of \$352,269 was submitted by Taggart Contracting Inc. The bid is approximately 3.5% over the engineering Estimate of \$340,410.

The scope of these projects is annual maintenance and emergency repairs of sanitary sewer, watermain, and storm sewer pipe networks. These projects include typical repair work items and time and material work items. This is because the needed repairs are unknown when the budget is prepared but need immediate attention once they are identified. The intent of these projects is to have a contractor available to perform the repairs as problems arise. Project 8999 is estimated to a cost of \$85,000. Project 9000 is estimated to a cost of \$40,000. Project 9001 is estimated to a cost of \$225,000.

Consideration of this project at previous Council/Committee meeting includes:

- February 17, 2026 – Council approved the Plans and Specifications

### **ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- A total of 1 bid was received, and 1 bid was opened.
- The bid received from Taggart Contracting Inc was \$352,269.
- Funding for Project 8999 will come from Fund 5200 – Wastewater – Collection System where \$85,933 is budgeted in 2026.
- Funding for Project 9000 will come from Fund 5300 – Water – Transmission & Distribution where \$40,000 is budgeted in 2026.
- Funding for Project 9001 will come from Fund 5400 – Stormwater – Collection System where \$227,868 is budgeted in 2026.

### **SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- Abstract of Bids Received (1Pg)
- Timetable (1 Pg)
- Excerpt from 2026 City Budget Book (3 Pgs)

**Abstract of Bids Received**  
**City Project No. 8999-9001**

Project Name - 2026 Sanitary Sewer, Watermain, & Storm Sewer Repairs  
 Bid Opening - 2:00 PM on Thursday,

Contractor		Acknowledge Addendum 1	Bid Bond	Contractor's License	Non-Collusion Affidavit	Base Bid
1	Taggart Contracting Inc PO Box 726, Thief River Falls, MN 56	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$352,269.00
2			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>						\$340,410.00

## TIMETABLE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Project Name 2026 Underground Repairs

Project Number 8999, 9000, 9001

District No. \_\_\_\_\_

- Water
- Sewer
- Water & Sewer
- Sidewalk
- Other

This timetable prepared by AB

Revised by \_\_\_\_\_

Date 3/3/26

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Action

Date of Action

Action	Date of Action			Approved
	Other	Committee	Council	
Approval of directing Engineering to prepare plans & specifications, and advertise for construction bids.		2/9/26	2/17/26	
**Advertisement for bids prepared.	2/12/26			
*Advertisement for bids published.	2/18/26			
***Bids received, opened & tabulated.	3/12/26			
Recommend award of contract.		3/09/26		
Award Contract.			3/16/26	We are Here

\*Responsibility of Finance & Administrative Services Office

\*\*Responsibility of Engineering Department.

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# Wastewater - Collection System

G/L Account	Account Description	2023 Amended Budget	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Amended Budget	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget	
5200.100.5210 460.0015	Cell Phone Charges	800.00	.00	800.00	.00	800.00	800.00	
	<i>Level Transaction</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
	Council Adopted Technology for field use					1.0000	800.00	800.00
							<b>Council Adopted Totals</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
5200.100.5210 460.0050	Education & Training	4,525.00	4,525.00	3,000.00	51.25	5,000.00	5,000.00	
5200.100.5210 470.0027	Community Outreach	1,820.00	3,640.00	9,200.00	7,194.94	.00	5,000.00	
	<i>Level Transaction</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
	Council Adopted Sewer Cleaning Notification Postcards					1.0000	5,000.00	5,000.00
							<b>Council Adopted Totals</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
	<i>Other Operating Expenses Totals</i>	<b>\$7,145.00</b>	<b>\$8,165.00</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,246.19</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>	<b>\$10,800.00</b>	
	<i>Operating Transfers Out</i>							
5200.100.5210 900.0010	Operating Transfers Out	.00	52,140.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
	<i>Operating Transfers Out Totals</i>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$52,140.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
	<i>Capital Outlay</i>							
5200.100.5210 600.0010	Land Acquisition	38,794.00	38,794.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
5200.100.5210 650.0010	Work In Progress	213,940.00	56,062.77	127,000.00	100,819.10	156,000.00	85,933.00	
	<i>Level Transaction</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
→	Council Adopted Emergency Repair Sanitary Sewer					1.0000	85,933.00	85,933.00 ←
							<b>Council Adopted Totals</b>	<b>\$85,933.00</b>
5200.100.5210 700.0050	Gen Equipment N.O.C.	61,781.00	61,771.14	1,900.00	.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
5200.100.5210 700.0120	Trucks & Mounted Equipmt	225,495.00	.00	328,755.00	325,915.00	.00	.00	
	<i>Capital Outlay Totals</i>	<b>\$540,010.00</b>	<b>\$156,627.91</b>	<b>\$457,655.00</b>	<b>\$426,734.10</b>	<b>\$166,000.00</b>	<b>\$95,933.00</b>	
	<i>Non-Current Outlay</i>							
5200.100.5210 996.0000	Non-Current Outlays	40,000.00	.00	40,000.00	.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	
	<i>Level Transaction</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
	Council Adopted Set aside for WW sewer cleaner truck					1.0000	40,000.00	40,000.00
							<b>Council Adopted Totals</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
	<i>Non-Current Outlay Totals</i>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	
Sub Department	<b>5210 - Collection System</b> Totals	<b>\$1,189,228.00</b>	<b>\$760,640.31</b>	<b>\$841,650.00</b>	<b>\$767,029.66</b>	<b>\$1,629,882.00</b>	<b>\$1,501,350.00</b>	



# Waterworks - Transmission & Distribution

G/L Account	Account Description	2023 Amended Budget	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Amended Budget	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget	
5300.100.5340 460.0050	Education & Training	5,000.00	3,552.88	5,050.00	4,638.15	6,500.00	6,500.00	
5300.100.5340 460.0060	Travel	12,500.00	12,589.46	2,820.00	2,739.46	6,000.00	6,000.00	
5300.100.5340 460.0080	Freight	500.00	203.49	1,500.00	189.02	1,500.00	1,500.00	
5300.100.5340 460.0090	Dues	8,100.00	8,072.62	7,950.00	8,309.43	8,500.00	9,000.00	
5300.100.5340 460.0170	Attorney Fees	.00	.00	.00	7,624.37	.00	.00	
5300.100.5340 460.0240	Real Estate Tax	1,000.00	.00	1,000.00	.00	1,000.00	.00	
5300.100.5340 470.0027	Community Outreach	910.00	910.00	9,050.00	9,029.44	.00	.00	
5300.100.5340 470.0040	Contingency	.00	.00	5,150.00	1,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	
5300.100.5340 470.0153	City Share of RRVWS project	240,000.00	160,344.72	110,100.00	140,983.30	.00	.00	
<i>Other Operating Expenses Totals</i>		\$275,960.00	\$193,198.49	\$151,300.00	\$183,037.96	\$46,000.00	\$36,500.00	
<i>Operating Transfers Out</i>								
5300.100.5340 900.0010	Operating Transfers Out	150,000.00	2,200,421.15	.00	.00	.00	150,000.00	
	<i>Level</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
	Council Adopted					1.0000	150,000.00	150,000.00
								Council Adopted Totals
								\$150,000.00
<i>Operating Transfers Out Totals</i>		\$150,000.00	\$2,200,421.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	
<i>Capital Outlay</i>								
5300.100.5340 650.0010	Work In Progress	841,917.00	926,882.23	3,493,236.00	3,284,631.65	4,830,000.00	1,038,090.00	
	<i>Level</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
	Council Adopted					1.0000	248,090.00	248,090.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	100,000.00	100,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	40,000.00	40,000.00
	Council Adopted					1.0000	650,000.00	650,000.00
								Council Adopted Totals
								\$1,038,090.00
5300.100.5340 700.0030	Communication & Elec	.00	.00	5,000.00	758.01	5,000.00	5,000.00	
5300.100.5340 700.0040	Furniture & Fixtures	.00	.00	1,200.00	.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	



# Stormwater - Collection System

G/L Account	Account Description	2023 Amended Budget	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Amended Budget	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget	
Budget Transactions								
	<i>Level</i>		<i>Transaction</i>			<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
	Council Adopted		Annual Maintenance- Debris Removal, Sediment Removal, etc			1.0000	10,000.00	10,000.00
							Council Adopted Totals	\$10,000.00
5400.100.5410 440.0205	Landscaping	15,295.00	15,293.00	3,135.00	3,134.94	15,000.00	4,000.00	
<i>Maintenance Structures Totals</i>		\$124,275.00	\$122,480.42	\$118,885.00	\$119,226.92	\$192,500.00	\$148,000.00	
<i>Maintenance Equipment</i>								
5400.100.5410 450.0160	Mtce Vehicles/Motor Eq.	10,000.00	7,048.51	6,059.00	6,058.66	8,000.00	8,000.00	
<i>Maintenance Equipment Totals</i>		\$10,000.00	\$7,048.51	\$6,059.00	\$6,058.66	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
<i>Other Operating Expenses</i>								
5400.100.5410 460.0050	Education & Training	.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
5400.100.5410 470.0027	Community Outreach	.00	2,730.00	11,801.00	11,800.18	3,000.00	.00	
<i>Other Operating Expenses Totals</i>		\$0.00	\$2,730.00	\$11,801.00	\$11,800.18	\$5,500.00	\$2,500.00	
<i>Operating Transfers Out</i>								
5400.100.5410 900.0010	Operating Transfers Out	282,813.00	84,743.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
<i>Operating Transfers Out Totals</i>		\$282,813.00	\$84,743.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<i>Capital Outlay</i>								
5400.100.5410 650.0010	Work In Progress	908,460.00	585,246.81	412,119.00	404,319.42	331,231.00	337,868.00	
Budget Transactions								
	<i>Level</i>		<i>Transaction</i>			<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
→	Council Adopted		Stormwater Collection System Rehabilitation & Emergency Repairs			1.0000	227,868.00	227,868.00
	Council Adopted		Stormwater Inlet Bag Contract			1.0000	110,000.00	110,000.00
							Council Adopted Totals	\$337,868.00
5400.100.5410 700.0050	Gen Equipment N.O.C.	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
5400.100.5410 700.0100	Cars & Light Duty Trucks	(3,000.00)	(3,031.59)	345,810.00	345,809.20	245,000.00	.00	
5400.100.5410 700.0120	Trucks & Mounted Equipmt	.00	.00	.00	.00	50,000.00	.00	
<i>Capital Outlay Totals</i>		\$907,960.00	\$582,215.22	\$757,929.00	\$750,128.62	\$626,231.00	\$337,868.00	
<i>Non-Current Outlay</i>								