



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report
Committee of the Whole March 23, 2026
City Council – April 6, 2025

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

04/06/2026

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Agenda Item: Bids for City Project No. 8922, District No. 613 – Highway 81 & Associated Area Sanitary Sewer Phase IV

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

Staff Recommended Action: Award contract to low bidder Taggart Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$1,381,369.40 for City Project No. 8922, District No. 613 – Highway 81 & Associated Area Sanitary Sewer Phase IV.

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Osowski, second by Berg to move staff recommendation to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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

BACKGROUND:

Bids for this project were received on March 19, 2026. Two bids were opened for the project. The low bid was submitted by Taggart Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$1,381,369.40 which is approximately 13% under the Engineer's Estimate of \$1,591,977.10.

The work of this project is proposed to consist of installing sanitary sewer in the Highway 81 annexation area. This project is expected to complete the sanitary sewer buildout in this development. This phase (Phase IV) covers most of the properties adjacent to the east side of Highway 81 from 27th Ave N to Mill Rd. It also includes several properties along the north end of Mill Rd.

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 an Engineer's Report, Special Assessment District, and Engineering Task Order for this project.
- February 17, 2026 – Council approved plans and specifications for this project.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Bids were received on March 19, 2026.
- A total of two bids were received.
- The low bid was submitted by Taggart Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$1,381,369.40.
- The Engineer's Estimate \$1,591,977.10.
- The low bid was approximately 13% under the Engineer's Estimate.
- This project is not protestable as per ND Century Code 40-22-15.
- This project will be funded utilizing special assessments.
- The City has previously agreed to assume the assessments for all properties in this area excluding Lot 2, Block 1 which is currently owned by Agristo. This lot does not lie within the proposed assessment district for this project.
- The City assumption of assessments is to be funded utilizing a State Revolving Fund Loan.
- Construction is expected to occur during the 2026 construction season.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Abstract of Bids (1 page)
- District Map (1 page)

**BID SUMMARY-HWY 81 & ASSOCIATED SANITARY SEWER
PHASE IV**

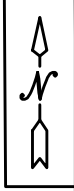
CITY OF GRAND FORKS PROJECT NO. 9066

WFW PROJ. NO. 20G463

QuestCDN #10072148

March 19, 2026; 2:00 P.M. Local Time

	Add	BB	CL	TOTAL BID
STRATA CORPORATION GRAND FORKS, ND				
BOHLMAN TRENCHING THOMPSON, ND				
UNITED CRANE & EXCAVATION GRAND FORKS, ND	1	X	X	\$1,397,936.75
R.J. ZAVORAL AND SONS, INC. EAST GRAND FORKS, MN				
TAGGART CONTRACTING INC THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN	1	X	X	\$1,381,369.40
J.R. FERCHE, INC. RICE, MN				
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	1	5%	X	\$1,591,977.10
APPARENT LOW BID				\$1,381,369.40



29

33RD AVE N

30TH AVE N

27TH AVE N

HWY 81




MILL RD

SANITARY SEWER FOR HWY 81 & ASSOCIATED AREA - PHASE IV

LEGEND

PROJECT #8922

DISTRICT # 613

-  ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY
-  PROJECT LIMITS
-  CITY LIMITS