



City of Grand Forks  
Staff Report  
Committee of the Whole – April 13, 2026  
City Council – April 20, 2026

**APPROVED & ACCEPTED**  
by City Council

04/20/2026

*Maureen Storstad*  
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City Auditor

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**Agenda Item:** Bids for City Project No. 8577, District No. 362 – Highway 81 & Associated Area Watermain Phase III

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

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**Staff Recommended Action:** Award contract to low bidder Taggart Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$1,406,401.00 for City Project No. 8577, District No. 362 – Highway 81 & Associated Area Watermain Phase III.

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

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**Council Action:**

Motion by Sande, second by Lunski to approve staff recommendation and adopt resolution awarding the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Bids for this project were received on April 9, 2026. Four bids were opened for the project. The low bid was submitted by Taggart Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$1,406,401.00 which is approximately 20% under the Engineer's Estimate of \$1,751,805.00.

The work of this project is proposed to consist of installing watermain in the Highway 81 annexation area. This project is expected to complete the watermain buildout in this development. This phase (Phase III) will provide water service to the remaining properties along N 30<sup>th</sup> St and those north of 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave N. This project will be a special assessment project where the City absorbs the assessments and funds them using a State Revolving Fund Loan.

**ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- Bids were received on April 9, 2026.
- A total of four bids were received.
- The low bid was submitted by Taggart Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$1,406,401.00.
- The Engineer's Estimate \$1,751,805.00.
- The low bid was approximately 20% under the Engineer's Estimate.

- This project is not protestable as per ND Century Code 40-22-15.
- The City has previously agreed to assume the assessments for all properties 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 by Water Utility Revenue through Fund 5300, utilizing a State Revolving Fund Loan. The estimated City share for this project is \$1,911,700.
- The project is expected to be constructed during the 2026 construction season.

**SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- Bid Abstract (1 page)

**Annexation Area Watermain Expansion Phase 3**  
**City of Grand Forks**  
**Grand Forks, ND**  
**AE2S Project No. P00105-2022-022; City Project No. 8577 District 363**  
**Bid Opening Time 2:00 PM CDT Date Thursday, April 9, 2026**

<b>Contractor</b>		Acknowledge Addenda	Bid Bond	Non-Collusion Affidavit	MBE/WBE Subcontractor Solicitation Information Certification Regarding	Debarment, Suspension, etc.	ND Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal	vBid Worksheet	<b>Base Bid</b>
1	Taggart Contracting Inc							\$1,406,401.00	
2	United Crane & Excavation							\$1,625,453.50	
3	Molstad Excavating, Inc.							\$1,833,300.00	
4	JR CIVIL LLC							\$1,852,542.00	
	Engineer's Estimate							\$1,751,805.00	



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