

ITEM #: 22
 DATE: 03-24-26
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 13TH AND GRAND POWER LINE RELOCATION

BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department plans to widen the intersection of 13th Street and Grand Avenue in the 2027 construction season. Public Works has requested that during the 2026 construction season, public and private utility companies relocate their facilities that conflict with the project. An outside contractor will be hired to supply labor, equipment, and materials to relocate the power poles. Private communication company attachments on the City's power poles will be relocated or buried at the individual communication company's expense.

The Electric Department has contracted with DGR Engineering, Rock Rapids, IA to develop plans and specifications to relocate several power poles for this upcoming project. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$700,000. The FY 2026/27 Capital Improvements Plan contains \$100,000 for this work in the Streetlight and Line Relocations project. Previously, a sizeable balance of funding for this relocation work had been accumulated and carried over, but this funding was dropped when it was not clear when the project would occur.

To address the shortfall in funding, Electric Department staff will identify funding for other Electric projects that may be reallocated to this project. Staff will provide a specific funding source at the time the bids are reported to Council. A project budget is shown below:

Funding Source	Revenues	Expenses
2025/26 Streetlight & Line Relocation CIP	\$ 36,000	
2026/27 Streetlight & Line Relocation CIP	100,000	
Reallocated Electric Department Funds	600,000	
Engineering		\$ 36,000
Construction (Engineer's Estimate)		700,000
TOTAL	\$ 736,000	\$ 736,000

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve preliminary plans and specifications for the 13th and Grand Power Line Relocation project, set April 29, 2026, as the bid due date, and May 12, 2026, as date of Public Hearing and award of contract.
2. Do not proceed with the project at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Public Works to begin the reconfiguration of the 13th Street and Grand intersection, the Electric Department will need to move its electric infrastructure in the vicinity. So as not to interfere with Public Works' planned project, nor cause a delay in their 2027 construction window, Electric needs to accomplish its work in 2026. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as stated above.