

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Stephanie Smith , City engineer
DATE: May 18, 2026
SUBJECT: Receive bids and award contract for the 2026 Watermain Rehabilitation, city project 26-11 to Geislinger & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,895,483.00.
ITEM NUMBER: 8.q
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To adopt resolution no. 26-46 accepting the bid from Geislinger & Sons, Inc. for the 2026 Watermain Rehabilitation, city project 26-11 and authorizing the mayor and city manager to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$1,895,483.00.

INTRODUCTION

Electronic bids were received and viewed on May 14, 2026 for the 2026 Watermain Rehabilitation, city project 26-11. Council action is required to award the construction contract.

DISCUSSION

The watermain in the southwest corner of the city was constructed in the 1950s and 1960s. It is made of cast-iron pipe, which can be susceptible to corrosion and become brittle. Over the past several years, many watermain breaks have occurred in this area. Trenchless watermain lining was identified as a way to address this issue. The contractor installs new pipe inside the existing pipe without digging up the entire length of the street. Service line connections are reopened using a robot and camera to prevent the need to dig up service lines. During the process, temporary water will be connected to minimize service interruptions for the residents.

This year's project will include approximately 1.1 miles of watermain lining on Richmond Avenue (south of Edgewater Avenue), Lexington Avenue (Carleton Drive to Glenhill Road), Glenhill Road (Lexington Avenue and Richmond Avenue) and Edgewater Avenue (Lexington Avenue and Richmond Avenue). A project map is attached to this memorandum.

On April 20, 2026, the city council approved plans and specifications and ordered the taking of bids for the 2026 Watermain Rehabilitation, city project 26-11. The bid was publicly advertised and, on May 14, 2026, four bids were received and opened. All bids were submitted with proper bid security in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount bid as required by the project manual. The bid amounts are listed below:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Geislinger & Sons, Inc.	\$1,895,483.00
Minger Construction Company Inc.	\$1,903,665.50
Meyer Contracting Inc.	\$1,905,057.11
Fer-Pal Construction USA LLC	\$2,359,614.00
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$1,837,224.00</i>

Geislinger & Sons, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder at \$1,895,483.00, 3.17% above the engineer's estimate. Geislinger & Sons, Inc. has done work in the city and completed similar projects in other cities, and their work has been acceptable. The low base bid results in an estimated total cost for the project of \$1,995,000.00 including allowances for engineering and administrative costs.

The city's capital improvement plan includes funding in 2026 and 2027 for watermain lining. In order to create a larger, more cost-effective project, staff proposes to combine the 2026 and 2027 projects. Finance staff have confirmed that the needed funds are available in the water fund. This allocates a budget of \$2,000,000 for construction, engineering and administration costs.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends city council adopt resolution 26-46, accepting the bid from Geislinger & Sons, Inc. for the 2026 Watermain Rehabilitation Project, city project 26-11, and authorizing the mayor and city manager to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$1,895,483.00.

ATTACHMENTS

[Resolution 26-46](#)

[CP26-11 Project Map](#)