

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-053	Meeting:	February 23, 2026
	Agenda Item:	46	Roll Call:	26-0271
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on SE Industrial Water Main – East Army Post Road and Southeast 45th Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer’s estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Thorpe Contracting LLC, Tommy Thorpe, Owner, \$2,226,515.16.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Southeast Industrial Water Main – East Army Post Road and Southeast 45th Street and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project includes the installation of a 12-inch and 16-inch water main for the Southeast Des Moines Industrial Park located along Hart Avenue from Southeast 36th Street to Southeast 45th Street, Southeast 45th Street from Hart Avenue to Pine Avenue, Army Post Road from 1,300 ft west of Southeast 45th Street to Southeast 45th Street, and Pine Avenue from Southeast 36th Street to Southeast 45th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,226,515.16 Construction Contract (\$3,150,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

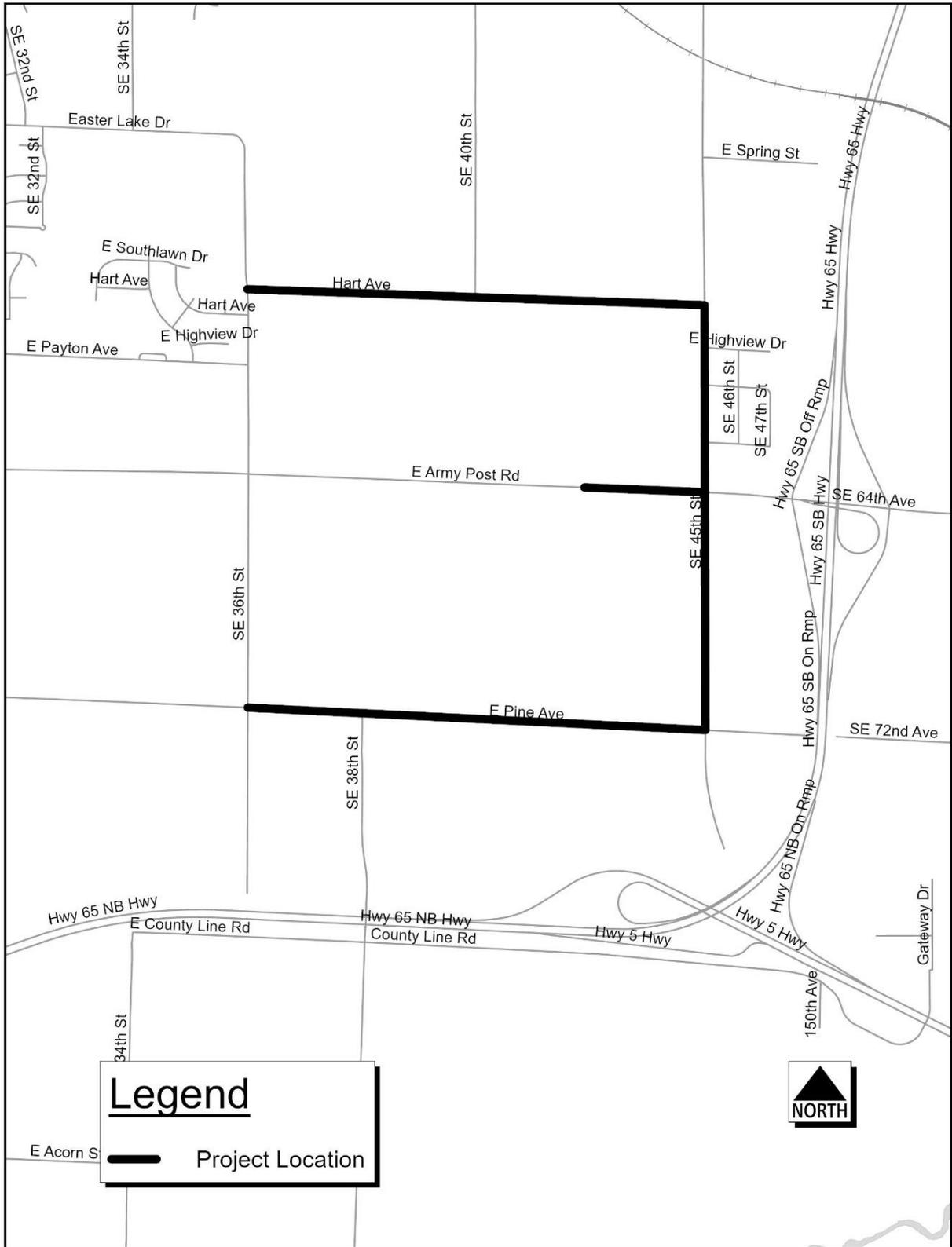
Funding Source: 2025-26 CIP, Page 157, East Army Post Road – Southeast 36th to Southeast 45th Water Main, ST318, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On January 12, 2026, under Roll Call No. 26-0017, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Southeast Industrial Water Main – East Army Post Road and Southeast 45th Street. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Southeast Industrial Water Main – East Army Post Road and Southeast 45th Street, Activity ID 04-2026-008. The improvements include trenched and trenchless 12-inch and 16-inch water main installation, water service installation, partial culvert removal and replacements, full depth patching, Portland Concrete Cement (PCC) Driveways, Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) driveways, gravel driveways, seeding, erosion control, pavement markings, and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 678-447/528, located on Hart Avenue from Southeast 36th Street to Southeast 45th Street, Southeast 45th Street from Hart

Avenue to Pine Avenue, Army Post Road from 1,300 feet west of Southeast 45th Street to Southeast 45th Street, and Pine Avenue from Southeast 36th Street to Southeast 45th Street.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Thorpe Contracting LLC, Clive, IA, - Low Bid
 - Progressive Structures, LLC, Elkader, IA
 - MPS Engineers, P.C. dba Kingston Services, P.C., Des Moines, IA
 - Rognes Corp., Ankeny, IA
 - Evolution Contracting, LLC, Indianola, IA
 - On Track Construction, LLC, Nevada, IA
 - Vanderpool Construction, Inc., Indianola, IA
 - S. M. Hentges & Sons Inc., Jordan, MN
 - TK Concrete, Inc., Pella, IA
 - Reilly Construction Co., Inc., Ossian, IA
- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on January 27, 2026.
- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by Thorpe Contracting LLC (1840 NW 118th Street, Suite 102, Clive, IA, 50325; Tommy Thorpe, Owner) in the amount of \$2,226,515.16, and said bid should be accepted. The Finance Director has determined that funds are available for said improvement as stated above.
- This project is anticipated to begin in spring 2026 and be completed in spring 2027.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 12, 2026

Roll Call Number: [26-0017](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (E) [SE](#) Industrial Water Main – East Army Post Road and Southeast 45th Street: Receiving of bids, (1-27-26) and Setting date of hearing, (2-23-26), Engineer’s estimate, \$3,150,000. ([Council Communication No. 26-005](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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