


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-165	Meeting:	May 4, 2026
	Agenda Item:	35	Roll Call:	26-0584
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on 2026 Sewer Repair Contract 1: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, receive and file bids, and designating lowest responsible bidder as TK Concrete, Inc.; Tony J. Ver Meer, President, \$410,295.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the 2026 Sewer Repair Contract 1 and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project includes the following improvements:

- Construction of storm sewer at the intersection of East Market Street and East 18th Street to provide an outlet for storm water along East Market Street, which will reduce storm water flooding at the Metro Waste Authority and reduce the need for City pumps.
- Construction of additional storm sewer intakes and piping along East 25th Street at the intersections with Morton Avenue, Grandview Avenue and Boyd Street to help reduce storm water flows in the street.
- Installation of retaining wall to address erosion at Southwest 61st Street and Park Avenue, utilizing gabion baskets.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$410,295 Construction Contract (\$450,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2026-27 CIP, Page 96, Citywide Storm Water Utility Projects, SM057

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On April 6, 2026, under Roll Call No. 26-0422, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the 2026 Sewer Repair Contract 1. 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 2026 Sewer Repair Contract 1, Activity ID 08-2025-002. The improvement includes removals, storm sewer installation, intakes, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) Pavement, PCC driveways, Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement, modified subbase, gabion baskets, traffic control, erosion control, restoration,

seeding, and other miscellaneous work, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 681-010/030, located at East 25th Street from East Sheridan Avenue to Boyd Street, East 18th Street and East Market Street, Southwest 61st Street and Park Avenue, and other locations directed by the City Engineer.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - TK Concrete, Inc., Pella, IA - Low Bid
 - On Track Construction, LLC, Nevada, IA
 - Orchard, Inc., Grimes, IA
 - Rognes Corp., Ankeny, IA

- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the City Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, T.M. Franklin Cownie City Administration Building, 1200 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on April 21, 2026.

- The City Engineer has determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid for the construction of said improvement was submitted by TK Concrete, Inc., 1608 Fifield Road, Pella, IA, 50219; Tony J. Ver Meer, President, in the amount of \$410,295, 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 fall 2026.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 6, 2026

Roll Call Number: [26-0422](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (C) [2026](#) Sewer Repair Contract 1: Receiving of bids, (4-21-26) and Setting date of hearing, (5-4-26), Engineer's estimate, \$450,000. ([Council Communication No. 26-133](#))
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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