



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Council Session

## Item G5

**#2009-120 - Approving Bid Award - Water Main Replacement - 1st Street from Pine Street to Plum Street (Water Main Project 2008-W-8)**

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader; Wes Nespor

# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director  
Wesley Nespor, Asst. City Attorney/Purchasing

**Meeting:** May 26, 2009

**Subject:** Bid Award – Water Main Project 2008-W-8  
First Street, Pine Street to Plum Street

**Item #'s:** G-5

**Presenter(s):** Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

## **Background**

An integral part of the early growth of the City was the establishment of the “Waterworks” owned by the City of Grand Island in 1885. It was placed in service one year later and water lines began to be extended to meet the growing demands of the citizens. One of these was a 4” diameter cast-iron main installed in 1909 on the north side of First Street, from Pine Street to Plum Street. At the time of its construction, it represented quality and value for the then foreseeable future.

However, after 100 years of service, the pipe remains in good physical condition but the small diameter does not meet current standards. This section of main needs to be replaced to meet the modern requirements for service, reliability, and fire protection. Water Main Project 2008-W-8 provides for furnishing materials, trenchless installation of a new 8” diameter ductile-iron water main, new water service connections to the residences connected to the old water line, and the abandonment of the existing 4” main.

At the time initial planning was started on this replacement project, it was anticipated that Water Department funding limitations would require the construction to be done in two sections, with a portion of the old water main in First Street being replaced this fiscal year and the remainder in the next fiscal year. A map of the project area showing the two sections is attached for reference. Also during the planning stage, since the project is located within the area designated for community revitalization funds, it was submitted for consideration to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Their evaluation deemed the project qualified to be partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

## **Discussion**

With the potential for construction to span multiple years, contract specifications were prepared to provide for a Base Bid area (in First Street from Sycamore to Plum Street) with Option 1 (to add the section from Pine to Sycamore Street). Bidding documents were submitted to eight firms and advertised in accordance with City Procurement Codes. Three bids were received and publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. on May 14, 2009. The bids are tabulated below:

<b><i>Bidder</i></b>	<b><i>Exceptions</i></b>	<b><i>Bid</i></b>	
General Excavating Lincoln, NE	None	Item C.1, Base Bid:	\$126,864.20
		Item C.2, Option 1:	\$ 36,320.69
		Item C.3, Total:	\$163,184.89
Midlands Contracting, Inc. Kearney, NE	None	Item C.1, Base Bid:	\$164,149.80
		Item C.2, Option 1	\$ 38,833.40
		Item C.3, Total:	\$202,983.20
Diamond Engineering Co. Grand Island, NE	None	Item C.1, Base Bid:	\$198,891.46
		Item C.2, Option 1:	\$ 47,416.00
		Item C.3, Total:	\$246,307.46

The received bids have been reviewed and evaluated. The low bid from General Excavating is complete and without exceptions. Their bid is below the total project estimate of \$396,000, and meets all City contract requirements. Construction funds are available in the FY '08 – '09 Budget.

## **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

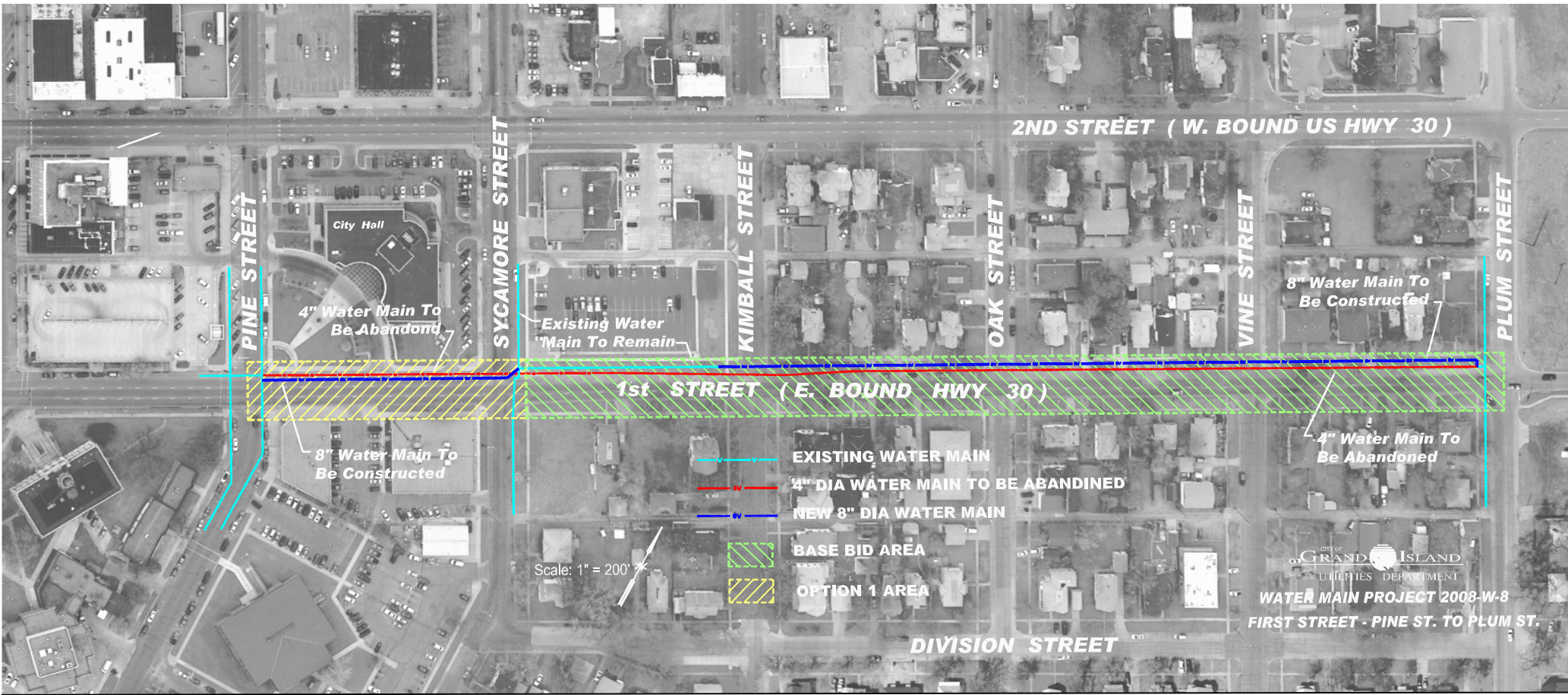
1. Move to approve contract award
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council accept the bids for both the Base Bid and Option 1; awarding the contract for Water Main Project 2008-W-8, to the low responsive bidder, General Excavating, of Lincoln, Nebraska, in the amount of \$163,184.89.

## **Sample Motion**

Make a motion to award the contract for Water Main Project 2008-W-8 to General Excavating of Lincoln, Nebraska, in the amount of \$163,184.89.



Purchasing Division of Legal Department  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**



Wes Nespor, Purchasing Agent

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**BID OPENING**

**BID OPENING DATE:** May 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

**FOR:** Water Main Project 2008-W-8

**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities

**ESTIMATE:** \$396,000.00

**FUND/ACCOUNT:** 525

**PUBLICATION DATE:** April 22, 2009

**NO. POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** 6

**SUMMARY**

<b>Bidder:</b>	<u>Midlands Contracting, Inc.</u> Kearney, NE	<u>The Diamond Engineering Co.</u> Grand Island, NE
<b>Bid Security:</b>	Travelers Casualty	Universal Surety Co.
<b>Exceptions:</b>	None	None

<b>Bid Price:</b>		
<b>Item C.1 Base Bid:</b>	\$164,149.80	\$198,891.46
<b>Item C.2: Option 1</b>	38,833.40	47,416.00
<b>Item C.3: Total</b>	\$202,983.20	\$246,307.46

<b>Bidder:</b>	<u>General Excavating</u> Lincoln, NE
<b>Bid Security:</b>	Universal Surety Company
<b>Exceptions:</b>	None

<b>Bid Price:</b>	
<b>Item C.1 Base Bid:</b>	\$126,864.20
<b>Item C.2: Option 1</b>	36,320.69
<b>Item C.3: Total</b>	\$163,184.89

R E S O L U T I O N    2009-120

WHEREAS, the City Utilities Department invited sealed bids for water main replacement, in First Street from Pine Street to Plum Street (Water Main Project 2008-W-8); and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2009, bids were received, opened and reviewed; and

WHEREAS General Excavating of Lincoln, Nebraska, submitted a bid in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of bids and plans and specifications and all other statutory requirements contained therein, such bid being in the amount of \$163,184.89; and

WHEREAS, the bid of General Excavating, of Lincoln, Nebraska, is less than the estimate for replacement of water main in First Street from Pine Street to Plum Street (Water Main Project 2008-W-8).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the bid of General Excavating, of Lincoln, Nebraska in the amount of \$163,184.89 for replacement of water main in First Street from Pine Street to Plum Street (Water Main Project 2008-W-8) is hereby approved as the lowest responsible bid.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 26, 2009.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
May 21, 2009	☐ City Attorney