



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
CC: Members of Administration and Public Works Committee
From: Bridget Nash, Senior Project Manager
CC: Edgar Cano, Public Works Agency Director; Lara Biggs, City Engineer
Subject: Approval of Contract Award with Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp. for 2025 Water Main Improvements and Street Resurfacing Project (Bid No. 25-08)
Date: April 28, 2025

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp. (40 Noll Street, Waukegan, IL 60085) for the 2025 Water Main Improvements and Street Resurfacing Project (Bid No. 25-08) in the amount of \$6,826,213.37.

Funding Source:

Funding is provided from the Water Fund in the amount of \$6,811,213.37 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00. A detailed funding analysis is included in the memo below.

CARP:

Transportation & Mobility

Council Action:

For Action

Summary:

This project consists of the installation of approximately 6,250 feet of new water main and full street resurfacing at the following locations:

- Ashland Avenue from Lyons Street to Emerson Street
- Darrow Avenue from Lee Street to Dempster Street
- Dewey Avenue from Foster Street to Simpson Street
- McDaniel Avenue from Church Street to Leland Avenue
- Park Place from McDaniel Avenue to Walnut Avenue

- Woodbine Avenue from Livingston Street to Isabella Street

A project location map is attached. The water mains to be replaced or rehabilitated are selected based on the following criteria: water main break history and maintenance calls, fire flow requirements, age of the water main, and planned street infrastructure improvements.

Along with the installation of the water main, this project includes the complete replacement of lead service lines from the City's water main to the water meter inside each residence. The lead service line replacement is available to all property owners within the project limits who have signed Right-of-Entry agreements with the City of Evanston. Currently, 62% of eligible property owners are participating in the program.

Analysis:

This bid was advertised on Demandstar and in the Pioneer Press. Bids for the project were received and publicly read on April 8, 2025. Two contractors submitted bids for this project as follows:

Contractor	Address	Total Bid
Bolder Contractors, Inc.	316 Cary Point Drive Cary, IL 60013	\$7,245,942.22
Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp.	40 Noll Street Waukegan, IL 60085	\$6,826,213.37

The submitted bids cannot be withdrawn or canceled for a period of sixty (60) calendar days following the bid opening. Bridget Nash, Senior Project Manager, reviewed the bids. The bid tabulation, showing detailed bid results, is attached.

Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp. has successfully completed numerous water main projects for the City, including the 2024 Water Main Improvements project. The staff has found their work to be satisfactory. Therefore, the staff recommends awarding the contract to Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp. in the amount of \$6,826,213.37.

The bid proposal indicates the contractor's intent to comply with the City's Local Employment Program requirements. The bid proposal requests a partial waiver to meet the City's M/W/D/EBE program goal. A memo reviewing compliance with the City's M/W/D/EBE program goals is attached.

Detailed Financial Summary:

A detailed funding breakdown is included in the table below:

Fund	Account	Project No.	Available Funding	Contract Award
Water Fund – Reserves	510.40.7330.65515	425002	\$1,775,000.00	\$1,775,000.00
Water Fund – Abated Bonds	510.40.7330.65515	425002	\$5,233,000.00	\$3,443,213.37
Water Fund – Abated Bonds	510.40.7330.65515	425006	\$1,593,000.00	\$1,593,000.00
Sewer Fund – Reserves	515.40.4535.65515	425002	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Total			\$8,616,000.00	\$6,826,213.37

Attachments:

[Project Location Map](#)

[Detailed Bid Tabulation](#)

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