



**City of Missoula, Montana  
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee**

**Committee:** Public Works

**Item:** Bid Award with Knife River for W Broadway- May to Front Water Main Replacement

**Date:** January 20, 2022

**Sponsor(s):** Andrew Schultz

**Prepared by:** Ashley Strayer

**Ward(s) Affected:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

**Action Required:**

Award bid to Knife River Corporation for the W Broadway – May to Front Water Main Replacement Project

**Recommended Motion(s):**

I move the City Council: Award the bid for the W Broadway- May to Front Water Main Replacement Project to Knife River Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$342,800 and authorize the return of bid bonds.

**Timeline:**

Referral to committee:	January 24, 2022
Committee discussion:	January 26, 2022
Council action (or sets hearing):	January 31, 2022
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

Missoula Water issued a bid to replace an existing 6” cast iron water main from 1937 in W Broadway from May Street to Front Street. During a leak repair on this section of main it was noted that it was corroded and in poor condition. Due to the difficulty of repairing leaks in W Broadway and the anticipated development in the St. Pat’s and Riverfront Triangle area this is a top priority Missoula Water project. The project will replace approximately 650 linear feet of water main from May St to Front St. It will also extend a main out of W. Broadway and MDT right-of-way, north on McCormick St for a future connection. New fire hydrants will also be installed at the intersections of May and W Broadway and Front and W Broadway.

Electronic bids were opened on January 13, 2022. A single bid was received. The bid was reviewed for completeness and accuracy and deemed responsive. Knife River Corporation was the apparent lowest bidder with a total bid of \$342,800. While the bid was above the engineer’s estimate of \$297,170 for the project, the bid still appears to be fair value due to MDT construction requirements which include a special type of asphalt and boring of services. The City’s consultant engineer on the project, WGM Group, Inc, has recommended that the City award the project to Knife River Corporation as the lowest bidder.

**Financial Implications: \$342,800 from the Water Enterprise Fund**

**Links to external websites: None**