



**City of Missoula, Montana  
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

**Committee:** Public Works and Mobility

**Item:** Bid Award to Knife River for the North 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> St West water main replacement and surface improvement project

**Date:** January 5, 2023

**Sponsor(s):** Andy Schultz

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**Ward(s) Affected:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Wards | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    |

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**Action Required:**

Award the bid to Knife River for the North 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> St West water main replacement and surface improvement project and authorize the return of bid bonds.

**Recommended Motion(s):**

I move the City Council: Award the bid for the North 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street West water main replacement project to Knife River at a cost not to exceed \$1,061,861.08 for the water main work and \$207,925.92 for the surface improvement.

**Timeline:**

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| Committee discussion:             | January 11, 2023 |
| Council action (or sets hearing): | January 23, 2023 |
| Public Hearing (if required):     | N/A              |
| Final Consideration               | N/A              |
| Deadline:                         | N/A              |

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

Missoula Water issued a bid to replace Kalemien, Invasion Steel, Cast Iron, and Galvanized water main, most of which is over 100 years old, along North 5<sup>th</sup> St West, North 6<sup>th</sup> St West and Kennett St. These mains are Priority 1 and 2 replacement pipe types due to their age and history of leaks. This project will replace approximately 2,275 linear feet of old water main. In conjunction we are partnering with Surface Transportation to replace damaged sidewalks and installed ADA ramps at intersections along North 5<sup>th</sup> St West in the project area. This will dovetail with the Turner/Worden Surface Improvements Project also scheduled for construction ins 2023.

Electronic Bids were opened on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Six bids were received. These bids were reviewed for completeness and accuracy and deemed responsive. Four Contractors submitted the City of Missoula Apprenticeship Form in order to apply for the bidder's preference. This program allows contractors who can prove they are part of a Montana Registered (state-approved) apprenticeship program and can show that 10% of all labor hours will be from registered apprentices will receive a 5% preference during bidding. Bidder preference will subtract 5% of the total bid amount as a preference value from the total bid amount. This preference value is only viewed in terms of award of the bid and the bid total prior to the

preference value subtraction would be the contract amount warranted if the lowest bid value comes from a contractor utilizing the City of Missoula Bidder Preference Program. Prior to the apprenticeship bidder preference adjustments, the lowest bid (without any preference applied) for the project came from Gold Peak Excavating with a value of \$1,261,186.84. However, after applying the 5% apprentice preference values to the applicable contractors, JTL Group, Inc. dba Knife River's adjusted bid value totaled \$1,206,297.65 as the preference value for evaluation purposes (original bid amount of \$1,269,787.00) reduced their bid price below that of Gold Peak Excavating, who did not apply for apprenticeship preference. The City's consultant engineer on the project, IMEG, Corp. has recommended that the City award the project to JTL Group, Inc. dba Knife River as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$1,269,787.00.

**Financial Implications:**

This water main work will be funded from the Water Enterprise Fund, via a State Revolving Fund Loan. This amounts to \$1,061,861.08. and the surface improvement work will be funded with Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act (BaRSAA). This amounts to \$207,925.92

**Links to external websites: None**