

ITEM #: 29
DATE: 04-22-25
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **69KV TRANSMISSION LINE RECONSTRUCTION**

BACKGROUND:

Electric Services is undergoing a multi-year process to reconstruct portions of its aging 69kV transmission system. **This portion of the project will replace approximately two miles of transmission line from Mortensen Road Substation to Vet Med Substation. This is the first of four reconstruction phases. The first phase will be performed throughout FY 2025/26.**

On March 11, 2025, City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for the 69kV Transmission Line Reconstruction project. Bid documents were sent out. The bid was also advertised on the Current Bid Opportunities section of the Purchasing webpage and a Legal Notice was published on the websites of a contractor plan room service with statewide circulation. On April 9, 2025, eight bids were received.

BIDDER	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Ward Electric Company Longmont, Colorado	\$2,228,648.92
IES Commerical Inc. Holdrege, Nebraska	\$2,744,151.38
MP Technologies LLC Annandale, Minnesota	\$2,860,938.46
The L.E. Myers Company Marshalltown, Iowa	\$3,010,228.00
The Hydaker-Wheatlake Company Reed City, Michigan	\$3,114,735.05
Brink Constructors Inc. Rapid City, South Dakota	\$3,225,896.28
Altitude Energy Kennesburg, Colorado	\$3,330,000.00
Watts Electric Company Waverly, Nebraska	\$3,625,864.11

Staff evaluated the bids and determined that the apparent low bid from Ward Electric Company, of Longmont, Colorado, is acceptable.

Funding for this project will come from the Capital Improvement Project budget for 69kV Transmission Reconstruction where there is currently a balance of \$595,015 and an additional \$2,000,000 in the FY 2025/26 budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve final plans and specification and award a contract to Ward Electric Company of Longmont, Colorado, in the amount of \$2,228,648.92 for the 69kV Transmission Line Reconstruction project.
2. Award to one of the other bidders.
3. Do not proceed with the project at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The 69kV transmission infrastructure is the backbone of the electric network in and around the City. Replacement of aging line segments prior to failure is prudent to maintain electric system reliability. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 as stated above.