



DEPARTMENT OF
**PUBLIC
WORKS**

Date: June 22, 2026

To: Finance Committee

From: Pete Neuberger, City Engineer/Deputy Director of Public Works
Luke Vandenberg, Project Engineer

Subject: Request to reject bid for Unit J-26 Mini Storm Sewer project from Carl Bowers & Sons Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$347,720.00

The Department of Public Works requests to reject the bid received for the publicly bid Unit J-26 Mini Storm Sewer project due to insufficient budgeted funds relative to the bid received, along with concerns regarding unit bid prices relative to recently completed comparable projects.

Bids were publicly opened on Monday, June 15, 2026. Only one bid was received, as summarized below:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Carl Bowers & Sons Construction Co., Inc.	\$347,720.00

The approved 2026 budget for this project is \$250,000.00. The bid received exceeds the available budget by \$97,720.00.

In addition to exceeding the available budget, DPW staff review identified unit price increases relative to similar recently completed City projects, contributing to concerns regarding overall cost reasonableness and competitiveness of the bid.

Given the budget shortfall, limited competition, and cost reasonableness concerns, staff recommends rejecting the bid in the best interest of the City.

DPW anticipates requesting at a future date that the budgeted funds be carried over into the 2027 budget year, and that the project will be re-bid in 2027 with a revised scope and/or construction phasing strategy intended to increase interest among potential bidders while still achieving DPW's original project objectives.

J-26 Mini Storm Sewer Construction (#10209322)

Owner: Appleton WI, City of

Solicitor: Appleton WI, City of

06/15/2026 11:00 AM CDT

Section Title	Line Item	Item Description	UofM	Quantity	Carl Bowers & Sons Const. Co., Inc	
					Unit Price	Extension
J-26 BASE BID						\$347,720.00
	1	Flowable Fill - UNIT PRICE ONLY	CU. YD.	0	\$250.00	\$0.00
	2	Furnish and Install 6" Storm Sewer	LIN. FT.	1085	\$165.00	\$179,025.00
	3	Furnish and Install 4" Storm Riser	LIN. FT.	221	\$160.00	\$35,360.00
	4	Furnish and Install 6" Storm Riser	LIN. FT.	387	\$165.00	\$63,855.00
	5	Sump Pump Connection	EACH	5	\$3,500.00	\$17,500.00
	6	Furnish and Construct PVC Yard Drain	EACH	3	\$4,500.00	\$13,500.00
	7	Furnish and Install 6" Storm Lateral	LIN. FT.	103	\$160.00	\$16,480.00
	8	Temporary Traffic Control	EACH	1	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
	9	Removal of Contaminated Soils - UNIT PRICE ONLY	CU. YD.	0	\$200.00	\$0.00
Base Bid Total:						\$347,720.00