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CITY OF LE SUEUR  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Cory Bienfang, City Engineer

SUBJECT: Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract

DATE: For the City Council meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020

**PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider a resolution awarding the CSAH 22 (TH 112 Turnback) Improvement Project to S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc.

**SUMMARY**

A bid opening for the CSAH 22 (TH 112 Turnback) Improvement was held on February 27, 2020 in Le Center at the Government Center. Two bids were submitted for the project ranging between \$15,219,084.72 and \$18,499,604.68. The low bid was submitted by S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. for a total approximately 11% above the engineer's estimate. The bid overage breaks down as approximately 27% City and 73% County contribution.

This brings the City's portion of the project construction cost to approximately \$5,029,460.01. Based on the final bid amount, design engineering, and proposed construction administration costs, the City's projected total project cost still falls within the budgeted amount.

On March 3, 2020, the Le Sueur County Board approved award of the bid to S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. contingent on approval by the Le Sueur City Council.

If approved, work is anticipated to start in May 2020 and with final completion by October 1, 2021.

A proposed schedule of project milestones is as follows:

- 3/9/2020 – Review Bids and Consider Project Award
- 3/25/2020 – Hold Preconstruction Meeting
- 4/13/2020 – Approve County Cost Participation Policy
- 4/15/2020 – Hold Public Open House (Construction Information)
- 5/1/2020 – Tentative Construction Start (Year 1)
- 5/1/2020 – 11/1/2020 – Construction of Elmwood Ave, including Coventry Rd intersection, intersection remains closed
- 8/10/2020 – Call for Assessment Hearing, Order Preparation of Proposed Assessment
- 8/20/2020 – Mail Assessment Notice to Residents

- 9/9/2020 – Hold Public Open House (Assessment Information)
- 9/14/2020 – Conduct Assessment Hearing
- 9/28/2020 – Consider Adoption of Assessment Roll
- 11/1/2020 – Construction Ends (Year 1)
- 11/2/2020 – 12/31/2020 – As Built field verification survey of Elmwood Ave and Coventry Rd intersection, intersection remains closed
- 2/10/2021 – Hold Tentative Public Open House (Coventry Road)
- 5/1/2021 – Tentative Construction Start (Year 2)
- 6/1/2021 – Open Coventry Road contingent on the field verification of the proposed road design, however City Council as the local road authority of Coventry Road can keep the intersection closed at any time.
- 10/1/2021 – Construction Ends, Overall project completion (Year 2)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends awarding the bid totaling \$15,219,084.72 for the CSAH 22 (TH 112 Turnback) Improvement Project to S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc.



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March 5, 2020

Jasper Kruggel  
City Administrator  
City of Le Sueur  
203 South Second Street  
Le Sueur, MN 56058

RE: CSAH 22 (TH 112 Turnback) Improvements  
Le Sueur, Le Sueur County, MN  
SAP 040-622-003, SAP 040-626-046, and SAP 040-636-011  
BMI Project No. T42.114083

Dear Mr. Kruggel,

Bids were received and opened at the Office of the Le Sueur County Auditor on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am for the project referenced above. Two (2) bids were received and the results of the bids are tabulated below:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc.	\$15,219,084.72
Northland Grading & Excavating, LLC	\$18,499,604.68
Engineer's Estimate	\$13,656,466.95

The low bidder for the project is S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. from Jordan, Minnesota. The low bid is approximately 11% above the Engineer's Estimate and the next lowest bid is approximately 22% over the low bid.

Based on past performance on similar projects in previous years, it is our opinion that S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. is qualified to perform the work required under this contract. If deemed financially feasible, we hereby recommend that S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. be awarded the contract based on the bid contract amount of \$15,219,084.72. The County Board approved the award of the contract at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting contingent on City approval.

Sincerely,

**Bolton & Menk, Inc.**

**Cory Bienfang, P.E.,**  
Project Manager

cc: Dave Tiegs, Le Sueur County Engineer

CITY OF LE SUEUR, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION **R2020-005**  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACT – CSAH 22 (TH 112  
TURNBACK) IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to an advertisement for bids for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 22 Improvement Project, for the improvement of Elmwood Avenue from County Road 115 (356<sup>th</sup> St) to Ferry Street; Ferry Street from Elmwood Avenue to S 4<sup>th</sup> Street; S 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Ferry Street to Bridge Street; Bridge Street from S 4<sup>th</sup> Street to N Main; Commerce Street from Market Street to Trunk Highway 169 north bound ramp, and County State Aid Highway 26 (Ferry St) from Elmwood Avenue to County State Aid Highway 35 (Kingsway Dr), and County State Aid Highway 36 (S 2<sup>nd</sup> St) from Ferry St to Bridge St, bids were received, opened and tabulated according to law, and the following bids were received complying with the advertisement:

S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc., \$15,219,084.72; Northland Grading & Excavating, LLC, \$18,499,604.68; and

WHEREAS, it appears that S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. of Jordan, MN is the lowest responsible bidder,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

In the name of the City of Le Sueur, are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Le Sueur County who has entered into a contract with S.M. Hentges & Son, Inc. of Jordan, MN for the improvements of Elmwood Avenue from County Road 115 (356<sup>th</sup> St) to Ferry Street; Ferry Street from Elmwood Avenue to S 4<sup>th</sup> Street; S 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Ferry Street to Bridge Street; Bridge Street from S 4<sup>th</sup> Street to N Main; Commerce Street from Market Street to Trunk Highway 169 north bound ramp, and County State Aid Highway 26 (Ferry St) from Elmwood Avenue to County State Aid Highway 35 (Kingsway Dr), and County State Aid Highway 36 (S 2<sup>nd</sup> St) from Ferry St to Bridge St according to the plans and specifications therefor approved by the City Council and on file in the office of the City Clerk.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Le Sueur on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

VOTE:     \_\_\_ HAGG   \_\_\_ FAVOLISE   \_\_\_ HUNTINGTON  
          \_\_\_ KIRBY   \_\_\_ KROGMANN   \_\_\_ SCHLUETER   \_\_\_ SULLIVAN