

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SE 2nd Street Water Main

CITY OF GRIMES, IOWA PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Public Hearing on Proposed Contract Documents and Estimated Costs for Improvement

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the **City of Grimes, Iowa** on the proposed Contract Documents (plans, specifications, and form of contract), and estimated total cost for the **SE 2nd Street Water Main** project at its meeting at **5:30 P.M. on the 27th day of January, 2026**, in the City Council Chambers, Grimes Community Complex, 410 SE Main Street #202, Grimes, Iowa, 50111.

Time and Place for Filing Sealed Proposals

Sealed bids for the work comprising the improvements as stated below must be filed before **10:30 A.M.** according to the clock in the City Council Chambers on the **20th day of January, 2026**, at the reception desk in Grimes Community Complex, 410 SE Main Street #102, Grimes, Iowa, 50111. Bids received after the deadline for submission of bids as stated herein shall not be considered and shall be returned to the late bidder unopened.

Time and Place Sealed Proposals Will be Opened and Considered

Sealed proposals will be opened by the City Clerk and bids tabulated at **10:30 A.M. on the 20th day of January, 2026**, in said City Council Chambers, 410 SE Main Street #202. Bids will be considered by the City of Grimes City Council at its meeting at **5:30 P.M. on the 27th day of January, 2026**, in said City Council Chambers, 410 SE Main Street #202. The City Council may award a Contract at said meeting, or at such other time and place as shall then be announced.

Commencement of Work

Work on the improvement shall be commenced any time after a written Notice to Proceed is issued, **no later than May 11, 2026**, and shall be completed as stated below. The Notice to Proceed will be issued after the preconstruction conference, which is expected to occur in Winter 2026.

Work on the improvement is prohibited on June 4-6, 2025, due to the Governor's Day celebration.

Contract Documents

A copy of said plans, specifications, and form of contract, and estimated total cost is now on file in the office of the City Clerk and may be examined at Grimes City Hall, 101 NE Harvey Street, Grimes, Iowa, 50111.

An electronic copy of the Contract Documents is available at www.grimesiowa.gov under the "Business" section by selecting "Bids & RFPs" then "Project Bids" for no cost. Project information, estimated total cost and plan holder information is available for no cost at the same link. Downloads of the Contract Documents require the user to register for a free membership at www.QuestCDN.com. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than QuestCDN or from the Engineer. Paper copies of the Contract Documents are available from the MSA Professional Services, Inc., 1555

SE Delaware Ave, Suite F, Ankeny, IA 50021, for a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per set and a non-refundable (separate check) shipping fee of \$10.00. The printing fee is refundable, provided the following conditions are met: (1) The Contract Documents are returned complete and in a reusable condition, and (2) they are returned within fourteen (14) calendar days after the award of the project. You must call 515-964-1920 in advance to reserve a paper copy.

Preference of Products and Labor

By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa.

In accordance with Iowa statutes, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference, or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country. The preference allowed shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

Failure to submit a fully completed and accurate Bidder Status Form with the Proposal may result in the Proposal being deemed non-responsive and may result in the Proposal being rejected.

General Nature of the Public Improvement

SE 2ND STREET WATER MAIN

The SE 2nd Street Water Main project includes the replacement of the existing water main along SE 2nd Street from SE Jacob St. to SE Little Beaver Drive; and SE Trail Ridge from SE 3rd Street to 101 feet north of the SE 2nd Street and SW Trail Ridge Road intersection in the City of Grimes.

The construction includes approximately 1,567 LF of 8" trenchless PVC water main and 80 LF of 8" trenched water main. Other associated improvements include: full depth PCC pavement patching, removal & replacement of existing driveways, removal & replacement of sidewalk pavement, fire hydrant removal and installation, water service installation, erosion control, surface restoration, and miscellaneous associated work necessary to complete the project.

Bid Security

Each Bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security as defined in Iowa Code Section 26.8, as security that the successful Bidder will enter into a Contract for the work bid upon and will furnish after the award of Contract a corporate Surety Bond, in a form acceptable to the City of Grimes, for the faithful performance of the Contract, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the Contract. The Bidder's security shall be in the amount fixed in the Instructions to Bidders and shall be in the form of a cashier's check or a certified check drawn on an FDIC insured bank in Iowa or on an FDIC insured bank chartered under the laws of the United States; or a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States; or a Bid Bond on the form provided in the Contract Documents with corporate Surety satisfactory to the City of Grimes. The bid shall contain no condition except as provided in the specifications.

The City of Grimes reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of bids and no bid may be withdrawn during this period.

Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond

Each successful Bidder will be required to furnish a corporate Surety Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of its Contract price. Said Bond shall be issued by a responsible Surety approved by the City of Grimes and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the Contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all material and labor, and protect and save harmless the City of Grimes from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the Contract and shall also guarantee the maintenance of the improvement caused by failures in materials and construction for a period of **four (4)** years from and after acceptance of the Contract.

Title VI Compliance

The City of Grimes, Iowa, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Payment

Payments will be made on the basis of estimates prepared by the Contractor and approved by the Engineer, solely for the purpose of payment; approval by the Engineer, or the City Council, shall not be deemed as approval or acceptance of the workmanship or materials. The Contractor will be compensated for 97% of the work completed during a payment period, with the remaining 3% being retained in accordance with the Iowa Code. Regular payments approved by the Engineer will be made following the next scheduled City Council meeting. The retainage payment will be released following acceptance of the project by the City of Grimes and satisfaction of the retainage payment provisions and requirements stipulated in the Iowa Code.

Sales Tax Exemption

The City of Grimes will issue a sales tax exemption certificate to the Contractor for all material purchased for incorporation into the project. Tax exemption certificates are applicable only for the specific project for which the tax exemption certificate is issued.

Completion of Work

The Contractor shall substantially complete the overall project within **seventy (70)** working days. Substantial completion for the overall project shall be defined as all utility, grading, and roadway paving construction completed, with the street, driveways, and sidewalks fully open to traffic. Should the Contractor fail to substantially complete the work within this timeframe, liquidated damages of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per calendar day** will be assessed for work not substantially completed within the designated Contract term(s).

The Contractor shall fully complete the overall project within **ten (10) working days** of the substantial completion. Full completion for the overall project shall be defined as all surface restoration and all improvements ready for final acceptance. Should the Contractor fail to fully complete the work within this timeframe, liquidated damages of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per calendar day** will be assessed for work not fully completed within the designated Contract term(s).

The City of Grimes does hereby reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to enter into such contract, or contracts, as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the City.

This Notice is given by authority of the City Council of the City of Grimes, Iowa.

Dated at Grimes, Iowa, this **16th day of December, 2025**.

Scott Mikkelsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel Greving, City Clerk

Posted to the Iowa League of Cities and the Master Builders of Iowa websites the **19th day of December, 2025**.

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