

RESOLUTION NO. R26-39

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE BID OF L.J. DEWEESE CO., INC. FOR WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND RELATED WORK ON EPPINGTON DRIVE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SAID CONTRACTOR TO COMPLETE PHASE THREE OF THE EPPINGTON WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$756,558.52, WHICH IS THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$687,780.47, PLUS A 10% CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$68,778.05.

WHEREAS, the City has determined it is necessary to replace aging water lines and several fire hydrants on portions of Eppington Drive through a series of phases; and

WHEREAS, the City properly advertised phase three of the Eppington Water Main Replacement Project as required by law, and the bid of L.J. DeWeese Co. Inc. was determined to be the lowest and best bid submitted; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with L.J. DeWeese Co., Inc. to complete the work necessary for the above-described project for an amount not to exceed \$756,558.52.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: The City solicited bids as required by law for phase three of the Eppington Water Main Replacement Project, which will replace aging water lines and several fire hydrants from the west dead end of North Eppington Drive and continuing west for 1,460 lineal feet to the intersection of Vaniman Avenue.

SECTION II: Bids were reviewed and the City Manager recommends that City Council accept the bid of L.J. DeWeese Co., Inc. for the above-described water main replacement project.

SECTION III: City Council finds that the bid of L.J. DeWeese Co. was the lowest and best bid submitted and, therefore, accepts the same.

SECTION IV: City Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with L.J. DeWeese Co., Inc. to complete the work necessary for the above-described project for an amount not to exceed \$756,558.52.

SECTION V:

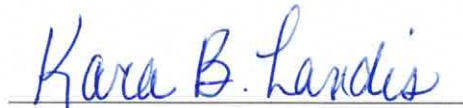
Funds have been appropriated in the Water Fund (Fund 601) or are in the process of collection in an amount sufficient to pay the authorized contract amount.

SECTION VI:

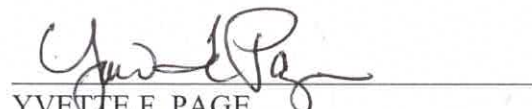
This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage.

Passed this 6th day of July, 2026.

ATTEST:


KARA B. LANDIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:


YVETTE F. PAGE
MAYOR


TYNA R. BROWN
VICE-MAYOR

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R26-39 adopted by the Trotwood City Council at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 6th day of July, 2026, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

CLERK OF COUNCIL



June 30, 2026

Ms. Stephanie Kellum
Deputy City Manager
City of Trotwood
3035 Olive Road
Trotwood, OH 45426

Re: Eppington and MacMillan Water Main Replacement – Phase 3
Bid Opening Results

Dear Ms. Kellum:

Bids were received for the above referenced project at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Three bids were received at this time – Integrity Contractors, LLC, L.J. DeWeese Co., Inc. & Double Jay Construction, Inc.

Bids have been reviewed for accuracy, and any mathematical discrepancies have been highlighted on the attached bid tab. During the evaluation process, it was observed that the apparent low bidder did not provide a breakdown of labor and material costs, which is considered a bid irregularity. Additionally, the bidder did not submit references or documentation demonstrating experience with projects of similar scope to the proposed water main work. While references were provided, attempts to contact one of the listed references were unsuccessful, as no return communication was received.

Based on this review, CMT recommends L.J. DeWeese Co., Inc. as the lowest and best bidder for the project. Their grand total base bid is Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and 47/100 dollars (\$687,780.47).

Awarding the grand total base bid amount is under the city's budget and below the engineer's estimate. Recommendation is to award the grand total base bid in the amount of \$687,780.47. L.J. DeWeese Co., Inc. is a reputable contractor with the ability to complete the project in a timely manner.

Please contact me at (937) 701-6577 or via email at sringle@cmtengr.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelby R. Ingle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shelby R. Ingle, P.E.
Project Manager

cc: File