



**DATE:** March 23, 2026

**TO:** Alderman Frost, Chair  
Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee

**FROM:** Timothy Hinkens, City Engineer

**RE:** **Award of Bid: 11th Street Corridor Improvements (Phase 2)**

11th Street Improvements			
Contract Details		Project Details	
Bids Opened	3		\$1,957,634.00 (City Section) <i>(Council Approved 3-7-2022)</i>
Bids Received	3		
Vendor	Fischer Excavating Services		
		Construction Engineering \$1,198,370.00 (IDOT Section) <i>(Council Approved 3-7-2022)</i>	\$853,728.00 (Phase 1) <i>(Council Approved 12-2-2024)</i>
			\$593,000.00 (Phase 2) <i>(Separate, Concurrent Item)</i>
			\$200,000.00 (Phase 3) <i>(Estimated)</i>
Contract Award Amount	<b>\$9,698,143.27</b>	Construction	\$12,235,322.00 (Phase 1) <i>(Council Awarded 12-2-2024)</i>
			\$246,250.00 (Phase 1) (Change Order 1) <i>(Council Approved 8-18-2025)</i>

			<p>\$139,233.00 (Phase 1) (Aetna RR Xing Agreement) (Council Approved 8-18-2025)</p> <p><b>\$9,697,683.27 (Phase 2)</b> <b>(Current Item)</b></p> <p>\$1,500,000.00 (Phase 3) (Estimated)</p>
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>\$9,022,805.65</b>	Land Acquisition	<p>\$242,789.00 (City Section) (Supplement #2) (Council Approved 2-17-2026)</p> <p>\$369,267.00 (State Section) (Supplement #1) (Council Approved 2-17-2026)</p>
<b>Variance from Estimate</b>	<b>+7.0%</b>		
Contract Duration	<b>October 31, 2026</b>	Utility Relocation (please indicate if a Rider will be used)	TBD (Phase 3)
		Demolition	N/A
Funding Source	1% Infrastructure Sales Tax and WRIA	Water Main Costs	<p>\$2,993,270.05 (Phase 1) (Included in Construction Cost Above)</p> <p>\$3,000,000.00 (Phase 2) (Included in Construction Cost Above)</p>
		Misc/Contingency Costs	TBD
		<b>Total Projected Project Cost</b>	<b>\$29,249,796.27</b>

## NARRATIVE

In 2022, the City of Rockford began implementing the recommendations of the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study. Phases 1 & 2 (City portion) includes the reconstruction and road diet of the roadway, off-street multi-use path, separated sidewalks, signal upgrades, pedestrian lighting, new water main, landscaping, and various other functional and decorative improvements. Phase 3 (IDOT portion) includes sidewalk repairs and decorative arterial street lighting.

This project is done in accordance with the “Capital Roadway Improvement” chapter of the *FY 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program*, adopted by City Council on December 2, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Timothy Hinkens, City Engineer, at (779) 348-7647.

**RESOLUTION**  
of the  
**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**  
**SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR 11th STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 2)

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WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances for the City of Rockford, Illinois, provides as in Chapter 4, Article VI, Division 4, that all purchases for and contracts for supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services, the value of which is estimated to exceed \$25,000, shall be based on competitive solicitation and awarded by the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, competitive proposals were received for the City of Rockford for the following:

11th STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 2)

WHEREAS, the Finance and Personnel Committee of the City Council for the City of Rockford, Illinois has reviewed the proposals received for the aforementioned item(s) and recommends awarding the proposals as follows:

Vendor: FISCHER EXCAVATING SERVICES  
Contract Amount: \$9,698,143.27

WHEREAS, the Finance and Personnel Committee has determined that the funding for the aforementioned agreement shall be as follows:

1% INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX and WRIA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement with FISCHER EXCAVATING SERVICES of FREEPORT, IL for 11th STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 2) in the amount of \$9,698,143.27, subject to the specifications in the invitation to bid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption and the Legal Director is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the Central Services Manager.

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Thomas P. McNamara, Mayor  
City of Rockford, Illinois

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Angela Hammer, Legal Director and Ex-Officio  
Keeper of the Records and Seal  
City of Rockford, Illinois

**RECOMMENDATION FOR RESOLUTION**

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD:**

Council Members:

The Committee on Finance and Personnel having received a request hereby begs leave to report recommending **approval** of contract with FISCHER EXCAVATING SERVICES of FREEPORT, IL for 11th STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 2), in the amount of \$9,698,143.27. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate resolution.

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Kevin Frost (Chair)

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Jonathan Logemann (Vice chair)

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Frank Beach

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Dawn Granath

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Chad Tuneberg

Committee Action Taken:

Frost:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Logemann:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Beach:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Granath:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Tuneberg:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___

**CITY OF ROCKFORD  
TABULATION OF BIDS**

**BID ON: 11TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PHASE II**  
**BID NO: 226-PW-028**  
**OPENING: 03/13/26**  
**VENDORS NOTIFIED: 236**

FIRM	EEO's	BID BOND	APPRENT.	ADD. 1-2	TOTAL
Fischer Excavating Freeport, IL	X	X	X	X	\$9,697,683.27 * \$9,698,143.27 #
N-Trak Group Loves Park, IL	X	X	X	X	\$9,868,329.02
William Charles Rockford, IL	X	X	X	X	\$10,244,729.40

**Ø RECOMMENDED AWARD**

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