

Grand Ledge City Council Resolution #11 of 2026

A Resolution to Reject the Bids Received for Well No. 11 Wellhouse Construction, to Direct the Project be Rebid, and to Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate for Contracts in the Open Market.

A resolution adopted by the Grand Ledge City Council, at a regular meeting held on Monday, 23 February 2026, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended.

Whereas, the City of Grand Ledge, Michigan (“City”) is a municipal corporation organized under the provisions of the Home Rule City Act, Public Act 279 of 1909, as amended, and is governed by the provisions of the Grand Ledge City Charter adopted 07 August 2018, as amended (“Charter”); and

Whereas, Charter §13.1A provides:

“The power to make and to authorize the making of contracts on behalf of the City is vested in the City Council and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of law”; and

Whereas, the City issued an invitation for bids for Well No. 11 Wellhouse Construction; and

Whereas, bids were received and publicly opened on 17 February 2026; and

Whereas, all bids received exceeded the budget; and

Whereas, after review and evaluation, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City to reject all bids;

Now, Therefore, It Is Resolved:

1. The City rejects the bids received for Well No. 11 Wellhouse Construction, directs the project be rebid, and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate for contracts in the open market.

Motion by Logel

Second by Jancek

Ayes: Jancek, Logel, Mulder, Willems

Nays: None

Absent: Gillespie, Lantz, MacDowell

Approved:

Keith O Mulder

[Keith O Mulder \(Feb 24, 2026 17:19:24 EST\)](#)

Keith O. Mulder, Mayor

I, Gregory L. Newman, Grand Ledge City Clerk, certify this is Resolution #11 of 2026, adopted by the Grand Ledge City Council at a regular meeting held on Monday, 23 February 2026; in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge MI 48837, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended.



[Gregory Newman \(Feb 24, 2026 16:32:36 EST\)](#)

Gregory L. Newman, City Clerk

To: City Council

From: Kurt Ristow, Public Works Superintendent

Date: 2/19/2026

Re: Public Well #11 Bid Recommendation

Background: On January 22, 2026, the city solicited bids for the construction of Public Well #11 Pumphouse. Bids were opened on February 17, 2026, and six (6) bids were received. The low bidder was disqualified because the bid was incomplete.

The Engineer's Probable Cost Estimate for the project was \$590,658.00. All bids far exceeded the probable cost estimate. The lowest responsive bid was approximately 29% (\$759,000.00) above the engineer's estimate, while the highest bid was more than 58% (\$935,000.00) above the estimated cost.

Recommendation: After reviewing the bid results, city management recommends rejecting all bids and proceeding with rebidding the Public Well #11 Pumphouse project. Should those rebid results remain unfavorable, staff recommends alternative project delivery methods, including the option of the city acting as the general contractor for part or all of the work.

Attachments: Bid tabulation results and memo from Dan Whalen, P.E., Williams and Works Engineering, recommending to not award the project at this time. The specifications and bid documents remain available on the city's website.

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engineers | surveyors | planners

February 18, 2026

[via email: kristow@cityofgrandledge.com]

Kurt D. Ristow, Public Works Superintendent
City of Grand Ledge
310 Greenwood St.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Re: Well No. 11 Wellhouse Project Bid Results

Dear Mr. Ristow:

The Well No. 11 Wellhouse Project bid opening held on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 at 3pm received six (6) bids. The tabulation of the bids is attached to this letter.

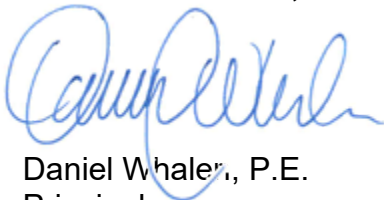
We have completed our evaluation, and the lowest responsible bidder was Laux Construction with a bid of \$719,172.55. The bid prices ranged from \$719,172.55 to \$935,366.00. The low bid price is 22% greater than our probable cost of construction dated February 2025 which was conservatively prepared and further overstated to accommodate the City's budgeting and general market inflation.

Given the significant variance between the bid prices we received and the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost, we recommend that the City *not* award the project at this time.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Williams & Works, Inc.



Daniel Whaler, P.E.
Principal

Cc Gregory Newman, City Clerk (via email)

City of Grand Ledge
 Well No. 11 Wellhouse Project
 February 17th, 2026, 3pm

Engineer's OPCC	\$590,654.00
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General Contractor	Signed Proposal	Completed Bid Form	Receipt of Addenda 1 of 1	5% Bid Bond	Noted Alternates	Base Bid Price	Percent Over Engineer's OPCC
Laux Construction	X	X	X	X	did not provide subcontractors listing	\$719,172.55	22%
Reliance Building Company	X	X	X	X	None	\$759,000.00	29%
RC Contractors	X	X	X	X	None	\$806,940.22	37%
RK Davis	X	X	X	X	None	\$832,484.00	41%
RCL Construction	X	X	X	X	None	\$906,664.00	54%
Cole, Inc.	X	X	X	X	time alternates for genset and EGLE "testing"	\$935,366.00	58%