

(Proposal #530)

EM SUBMISSION NO.: EME0012013

PRESENTED: 10-8-13

ADOPTED: 10-14-13

BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGER:

RESOLUTION TO METRON-FARNIER FOR POLYMER WATER METERS

BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGER

RESOLUTION

The Utilities Department Water Service Center has requested the additional supply of 5/8 – 2 inch residential and commercial/industrial NSF/ANSI Standard 61 type accepted, no register water meters compatible with their existing remote meter reading system to replenish depleted and failing equipment, and


Metron-Farnier, LLC, 5661 Airport Blvd., Boulder, Colorado is the supplier of said meters meeting these requirements. Funding will come from the following account numbers: 590-540.207-726.000 (\$44,950.00), 591-540.200-726.000 (\$44,950.00); and

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Department of Purchases and Supplies, upon the Emergency Manager's approval, is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order to Metron-Farnier, LLC for the additional supply of 5/8 – 2 inch water meters in the amount of \$89,900.00 (Water Fund, Sewer Fund)

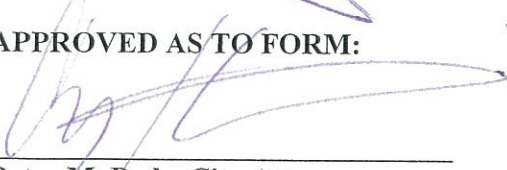
APPROVED PURCHASING DEPT:

APPROVED AS TO FINANCE:


Derrick F. Jones, Purchasing Manager


Gerald Ambrose, Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Peter M. Bade, City Attorney

EM DISPOSITION:

ENACT X REFER TO COUNCIL _____ FAIL _____


Darnell Earley, Emergency Manager

DATED: 10-14-13

10/04/2013 - BDB

RESOLUTION STAFF REVIEW

DATE: 9-6-13

Agenda Item Title: Water Meters

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Background/Summary of Proposed Action: The City Of Flint has nearly 35,000 water meters, in which approximately 50% of said meters are well past their expected life cycle and are overdue for replacement. The City solicited a proposal in 2009 to determine the most feasible and cost effective solution for replacing meters, while still retaining our current water meter remote reading system. After reviewing the proposal, it was determined that the City would continue to purchase meters from the lowest price vendor, badger, and purchase the transponder from Metron-Farnier. These products are compatible with our current remote reading system. The current stock of residential water meters is now completely depleted with no meters currently on the shelf

The City now faces new challenges in seeking new meters that adhere to the NSF/ANSI Standard 61 (which requires no lead in meters), prevent theft of water and scrapping of meters, while maintaining compatibility of the current remote reading system. Upon contacting the past vendors who submitted pricing under our previous proposal, Metron-Farnier is the sole provider that will still be able to meet all of our requirements, while standardizing our meters and remote reading system. It would not be feasible to change what brand/type of meter that we use every time a meter order is placed. This would then cause the City to have to have separate remote reading systems for different meters. Not only would this be cost prohibitive, it would also be extremely labor intensive.

Financial Implications: Adequate funding exists in the below listed accounts

Budgeted Expenditure? Yes ☒ No ☐ Please explain if no:

Account No.: 590-540.207-726-000 \$44,950.00
591-540.200-726-000 \$44,950.00

Pre-encumbered? Yes ☒ No ☐ Requisition # 130001373

Other Implications (i.e., collective bargaining): None

Staff Recommendation: Recommend Approval

Staff Person: Robert Binesh
(Dept Head or other authorized staff)