



Item Brief

Meeting Date

March 24, 2025

Agenda Item

Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2025-22: J. Forsyth

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC METERS NECESSARY TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Information

The City of Burnet has been notified that Honeywell will discontinue the Rex-u and A3 series electric meters, which are currently used for residential, small commercial, and institutional business customers. These meters, particularly the remote disconnect models, are essential for efficient service operations, including disconnections and reconnections, reducing labor costs, and maintaining smooth billing processes.

Honeywell has introduced the A4 series as a replacement; however, feedback from Wesco (the City's Honeywell distributor) and Honeywell representatives indicates unresolved technical issues, including communication and firmware failures. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the first-generation A4 meters and the risk of operational disruptions, staff recommends securing an adequate supply of the proven Rex-u and A3 (9S) meters before they are no longer available. The last day to place an order for these meters is March 25, 2025. Once Honeywell resolves the issues with the first-generation A4 meters, the City would be able to purchase them without concerns about compatibility with the current meters.

Fiscal Impact

Based on projected needs for upcoming developments and meter replacements, staff is requesting authorization to purchase:

- 1,200 Rex-u meters at a cost of \$191,100.00 (\$159.25 per meter)
- 9 A3 (9S) meters at a cost of \$6,920.55 (\$768.95 per meter)
- Total purchase cost: \$198,020.55.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2025-22 as presented.

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WHEREAS, the City of Burnet has been notified that Honeywell will be discontinuing the Rex-u and A3 series electric meters, which are currently used for residential, small commercial, and institutional business customers; and

WHEREAS, these meters, particularly the remote disconnect models, are essential for efficient service operations, including service disconnections and reconnections, reducing labor costs, and maintaining smooth billing processes; and

WHEREAS, Honeywell has introduced the A4 series as a replacement; however, feedback from Wesco, the City's Honeywell distributor, and Honeywell representatives indicate unresolved technical issues, including communication and firmware failures; and

WHEREAS, due to the uncertainty surrounding the first-generation A4 meters and the risk of operational disruptions, staff recommends securing an adequate supply of the proven Rex-u and A3 (9S) meters before they are no longer available; and

WHEREAS, the last day to place an order for these meters is March 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, based on projected needs for upcoming developments and meter replacements, staff is requesting authorization to purchase:

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WHEREAS, the City Council finds that approving this purchase is in the best interest of the City's electric utility services, ensuring continued reliability, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Findings. The recitals set out above are hereby approved and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section Two. Approval. The City Council hereby approves and authorizes the purchase of 1,200 Rex-u meters and 9 A3 (9S) meters for a total cost of \$198,020.55.

Section Three. Authorization. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute such ancillary documents and take such actions that may be reasonably necessary to facilitate the purpose of this resolution.

Section Four. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Section Five. Effective Date. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and approval as prescribed by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 24th day of March 2025.

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary