

MEMO 25-18

TO: Frank Schulte, City Administrator
FROM: James Kowalski, Director of Public Services *GJK*
DATE: June 5, 2025
SUBJECT: Water Meter Reader Replacement

The Department of Public Works has been working with Badger Meter, Inc. to replace all water meter reading devices (meter heads and transponders) throughout the city's residential home and commercial accounts. The current system is outdated and no longer will be supported in the next couple of years. The new readers are cellular and will not have to use repeater antennas, that are obsolete as well.

This project will be completed in three phases. The first phase is to purchase all the inventory of transponders at a cost of \$500,000.00. The total project will be approximately \$2,200,000.00.

Therefore, I am recommending that Council approve the purchase of inventory from Badger Meter, Inc., 4545 W. Brown Deer Road, P.O. Box 245036, Milwaukee, WI 53224 in the amount of \$500,000.00.

This is a budgeted item included in 2024/2025 fiscal year budget available in the Water/Sewer Equipment/Meters account no. 592-537-977.100.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me.

I do not believe any benefit will accrue to the City by seeking further bids. Approved for Council consideration.



Frank Schulte, City Administrator

6-10-25

Date

Fund Certification:

Account numbers and amounts have been verified as presented.



Steven Schmidt, Treasurer/Comptroller

6/10/25

Date