

Request for Authorization

We are requesting authorization to proceed with the solicitation of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for power and water meter reading hardware for the City of McCleary.

Background:

The City of McCleary's current power and water meter reading system is failing. Without proactive measures, we will need to transition to a fully manual reading process for both utilities.

Benefits:

- * Improved accuracy in power and water consumption readings
- * Reduced labor costs and time spent on manual readings
- * Enhanced leak detection capabilities
- * Better data for power and water conservation initiatives
- * Improved customer service through real-time consumption monitoring if moving forward on smart readers at a later time
- * Potential improving integration with existing city billing systems

Financial Considerations:

The estimated cost for this project will be determined through the RFP process. Funding will be sourced from both Power and Water departments. Upon receipt of bids, a Budget Amendment will be necessary to formally allocate the required funds.

Timeline:

- RFP Publication: Within 2 weeks of approval (or sooner)
- Proposal Publication Period: 4 weeks
- Proposal Evaluation: 2 weeks
- Vendor Selection and Council Approval: 2 weeks

Requested Action:

We respectfully request the City Council's authorization to proceed with the solicitation of an RFP for power and water meter reading hardware.