

City Council Meeting Staff Report



Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

Subject: Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Advanced Metering Infrastructure 6-Inch Water Service Meter Installation Project

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Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Wheatland City Council consider adoption of a resolution awarding a construction contract to LaFleur Engineering, Inc. for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) 6-inch Water Service Meter Installation Project.

Discussion: On February 9, 2021, City Council approved the bid documents and authorized staff to advertise the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Water Service Meter Installation Project for bids.

On March 11, 2021, the City received two bids for the project with the low bid being submitted by Keystone Exteriors, LLC of Luzerne, Pennsylvania (dba. Keystone Metering Systems, Inc.) who was identified as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder with a bid in the amount of \$600,488.00.

On March 23, 2021, the City passed and adopted Resolution 13-21 awarding the construction contract to Keystone Exteriors, LLC.

On March 28, 2023, the City Council approved the Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the majority the project improvements. This vote closed Keystone's contract with the City. However, two 6-inch water meter replacements remained; these included meters at the High School and at 422 6th Street. These 6-inch meters required additional engineering and planning than was previously included in the contract award to Keystone Exteriors, LLC.

On April 23, 2025, the project for the replacement of the two 6-inch water meters was advertised as an informal bid process. Staff contacted ten contractors to invite them to submit a bid. On May 5, two bids were received, and both were several times higher than the engineer's estimate. Staff continued to invite contractors to bid. Through May 15, 2025, Staff contacted another eleven contractors. As of May 30th two additional bids were submitted to the City. The four bids received are shown below in Table 1.

Table 1 – Bid Summary

| Bidder Name | Bid Amount |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sierra National Construction, Inc. | \$289,257.00 |
| Rawles Engineering, Inc. | \$490,000.00 |
| LaFleur Engineering, Inc.* | \$137,020.00 |
| Cushman Contracting Corporation | \$285,750.00 |
| Engineer's Estimate | \$126,000.00 |

*Apparent Low Bidder

Staff is recommending award of the construction contract to the low-bidder, LaFleur Engineering, Inc. of Orangevale, California in the amount of \$137,020.00. The Contractor holds an A-License for General Engineering and is bonded. Staff has verified LaFleur Engineering, Inc. is a responsible bidder and was responsive to the requirements of the bid package. They possess the appropriate experience and their California contractor licenses are in good standing per the project requirements.

Fiscal Impact: The Project is funded entirely through external grants. The City is reimbursed for project expenditures in arrears. The Yuba Water Agency (YWA) awarded the City of Wheatland a \$700,000 grant for the City's Comprehensive Drinking Water Project as the local match to leverage an application to the State for additional grant funding. The Project was also selected for full funding through the Proposition 1 - Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant in the amount of \$682,347. With the above-noted match grant from YWA, the total grant to the City for the *Comprehensive Drinking Water Project* is \$1,382,347.

Attachment:

Resolution