

**SUBJECT: Purchase of Water Meter Reader**

REQUESTED BY: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Public Works

DATE: March 14, 2000

FOR AGENDA OF: April 10, 2000

**SUMMARY:**

A sole source purchase of an electronic water meter reader from Badgers Meter, Inc. is requested. Badger meters are the only meters used in the water system and makes the software that will be compatible with the new city financial system.

This purchase will allow the more accurate and faster gathering of water meter readings because the reading will be manually entered into the reader that are than downloaded into the utility billing module of the financial system. This will eliminate transcription errors now occurring as the readings are manually entered into books and the computer.

Eventually, meters heads will be replaced as funding permits. This will allow automatic reading of meters from a moving vehicle without having to manually enter any data. This will not only eliminate all errors but also considerably speed up the monthly reading process.

Funding will come from funds remaining in the East Water Mainline Extension.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \_\_No xYes, amount requested: \$ 11,520

Fund:  
32-55-691-865-19

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Council is requested to approve the sole source purchase of an electronic meter reader, software purchase and installation and training for the Water Utility.

**MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT:**



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Presented to council: 4/10/00  
Action taken:  Approved  Denied  
other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Verified by: SP