



Item: Water Meter Equipment Purchases for FY15
From: Utilities Division
Initiated By: Public Works Department
Presented By: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director
Action Requested: Approve Purchase

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (approve/deny) the purchase of water meter equipment for the 2015 Fiscal Year from Dana Kepner Co. of Billings in an amount not to exceed \$270,000.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls for the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Approve purchase.

Background:

Significant Impacts

There are approximately 21,500 water meters within the City Water Distribution System. We have replaced the majority of our smaller meters that are not compatible with our radio read system. We are now working on replacing our larger meters (2” TO 8”) and installing the MXUs (radio read equipment) on the remaining 15,000 meters. The radio read system makes reading meters easier and less time consuming. Currently, there are approximately 5,000 radio reads installed in the city.

Purpose

To approve purchase of water meter equipment for FY15.

Project Work Scope

In Fiscal Year 2014, staff purchased \$248,968 worth of radio read equipment, new meters and meter parts and installation equipment from Dana Kepner Co. In Fiscal

Year 2015, staff proposes to purchase radio read equipment, new meters and meter parts and installation equipment from Dana Kepner Co. totaling approximately \$270,000.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Dana Kepner Co. of Billings is the sole source distributor for compatible parts and equipment for the City's metering system. Due to compatibility issues with different equipment, supplies, and suppliers, staff proposes to continue to purchase equipment from Dana Kepner Co.

Fiscal Impact:

Water meter equipment and supply purchases are budgeted for on a yearly basis by the Public Works Water Distribution Division.

Alternatives:

The City Commission could vote to deny purchases.

Attachments/Exhibits:

None.