

Item 24-0586 Approval of Sole Source award to Badger Meter Syrinix for a leak monitoring system in an amount not to exceed \$90,000

Common Council

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Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 23:46

All right. Hearing none, let's start with the item from Utilities, 24-0586 Give me a moment to find it here. So, that's the approval of the sole source award to Badger Meter Syrinix for a leak monitoring system in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. Any discussion on this item? I'm sorry, do we have—yes, let's get a motion on that. My apologies. We do have a motion. And we do have a second. So, any discussion. Alder Hartzheim.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 24:38

Thank you chair. I am hoping for some clarification from staff in regards to a major piece of the memo that came with this particular item. It states that anything over 15% water loss on the annual water audit could lead to further expense and waste within our city. And then it states the previous five years, and all of them are substantially over 15 15%. I'm wondering if I'm reading that correctly? And if we've not—have we had any public service commission statements saying, "Hey, you have to do something." Or are we being proactive, assuming that we're going to end up in a potential PSC issue here?

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 25:28

Sure. I'm—Dir—Director Block. Okay. Go ahead.

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 25:33

Thank you. You are correct that we're being proactive. At any time the PSC could require this, and given the percentages on the years we show in the memo it, it is the right thing to do on taking some action now that we've been over 15 percent.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 25:53

Thank you. May I follow up? Please?

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 25:54

Go ahead.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 25:56

My other concern is, is \$90,000 going to be enough? And are we going to put enough into this in order to make a substantial impact? Or is there an anticipation of further expense for further meters on this—or leak detection meters on this?

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 26:13

Director Block?

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 26:16

So further expense or further expansion of the system would really depend on how this phase goes. We worked extensively with Badger Meter in our discussions on right sizing the initial deployment and the locations where they could potentially go in order to give us the best results for this initial \$90,000 investment.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 26:41

Thank you. I am in favor of this. I just wanted those clarifications. Thanks.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 26:44

Great. Thank you. And thank you, Director Block. Any other discussion? Hearing none, please cast your votes.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 27:08

All right, that motion passes 12 Zero.