

Memorandum

December 17, 2019

To: Rick Trice, DPW

From: Randy Newsom, Operations Supt.

Subject: Recommendation to Purchase Badger Cellular Water Meters

In the 2019-20 Water & Wastewater Department Budget a new Water Meter Reading System was approved. The current system we use is the Badger Orion Classic System which has reached its end of life. This means that Badger will no longer make or support the Orion Classic System. The system that we are switching to is called the Badger Orion Cellular System. The new system has many advantages that will not only expedite the monthly meter reading but provide our customers transparency by giving them the ability to monitor their water account. We will be replacing the water meters in our system in two phases. The first change out phase will begin in this year's budget (2019-20) and will be completed in next year's budget (2020-21).

The budgeted amount for phase 1 is \$684,000 funded from the Water & Wastewater Capital Outlay Account 05-7000-50-00. The system will be purchased from Badger Meter through Atlas Utility Supply. I would like to recommend to Council for consideration and approval of the purchase of the Badger Orion Cellular Meter System Phase 1 in the amount of \$684,000 from Badger Meter. I would like to get this item on the agenda for the next Council meeting on January 7, 2020.