

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION 24-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO PROFESSIONAL METERS, INC. FOR THE AUTOMATIC METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) WATER METER RETROFIT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City currently uses a third-party vendor to manually read customer's water meters. Significant delays in meter reading have caused customer frustration and confusion regarding billings for water and sewer service, increased staff time to adjust billings and assist customers, and delayed collection of revenue Water and Wastewater fund revenues.

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program in the City's adopted budget includes a project to retrofit existing water meters to advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) beginning this year.

WHEREAS, the Water Department has evaluated advanced metering alternatives that would allow for remote collection of meter readings and are compatible with the City's existing water meters.

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2023, City Council authorized sole source procurement from Badger Meter Company for the Orion/ Beacon AMI system and, on December 5, 2023, City Council authorized the purchase of AMI registers, radio endpoints, and AMI compatible lids from Badger Meter Company for the City's AMI project.

WHEREAS, in January 2024, the City publicly solicited qualifications from AMI installation contractors, and two respondents were prequalified to bid on the project AMI Water Meter Retrofit.

WHEREAS, the City advertised for bids from pre-qualified contractors and at the public bid opening on August 15, 2024 one bid was received. The bid was from Professional Meters, Inc., for a base bid amount of \$1,299,920.11, and a total of \$1,318,016.81 with the requested alternate bid items included.

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the bid from Professional Meters, Inc. and found it responsive and responsible.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Professional Meters, Inc. for \$1,318,016.81, and authorize expenditure of a 10% construction contingency, in an amount not to exceed \$131,801.68, for a total construction budget of \$1,449,818.49.

Section 3. The City finds that this action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under the Class 1 exemption, which applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features where the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15301) and the Class 2 exemption which applies to the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities with little or no expansion of use (State CEQA Guidelines, §15302).

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APPROVED this 3rd day of September 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John R. Hamon, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Boyer, City Clerk