

**UTILITY COMMITTEE**  
**November 4, 2019**

PRESENT: Chairperson Turchi, Members Kohler, Hegy, Carroll

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Utilities Rhodes, Plant and Collections Systems Director Piquett

Call to Order – Chairperson Turchi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Public Comment Period – None.

Electric Service Interruptions and Water Main Breaks – Director of Utilities Rhodes provided information on the electric service interruptions and water main breaks.

Underground Unit Price Contract – Hartford Electric recently advertised and accepted bids for a unit price contract which will establish contractor prices through 12/31/2021. The unit price contract identifies a unit price for every procedure that may be used while installing underground facilities. The awarded contractor will not be guaranteed any work over the life of the contract and the contract will only be activated on projects that exceed current equipment levels and/or workloads on individual projects. Most projects will be completed using staff at Hartford Electric; however, any project that requires directional drilling will require the assistance of a contractor. Forster Electrical Engineering, Hartford's electrical engineering consultant, has reviewed and evaluated the bids. Based on the lowest evaluated bid of \$248,661.50, Forster recommends that the unit price contract be awarded to Koch's Telecommunications Services. Quantities were estimated for evaluation purposes only and do not reflect an actual project. Director of Utilities Rhodes responded to questions relating to this contract.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy recommending to the Common Council to authorize appropriate City officials to enter into a unit price contract with Koch's Telecommunications Services to perform services, when required, at a unit price cost that will be determined by each individual project when contractor assistance is required. MOTION CARRIED.

AMI Electric Meters - The approved 2020 CIP includes \$150,000 to purchase AMI electric meters as part of the electric meter replacement program. Prior to starting the meter replacement program, staff met with two vendors and determined that Elster could provide the best solution for the AMI project. The cost of the Elster meters for this phase of the project amounts to \$144,147, which is under the CIP budgeted amount. Residential meter replacements began in 2019 and are expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Kohler recommending the purchase of 1,833 AMI electric meters from Elster Solutions, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$144,147. MOTION CARRIED.

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Sewer Lateral Replacement Reimbursement – Plant and Collections Systems Director Piquett noted that property owner Robert Wingelman has met the requirements for the sewer lateral replacement reimbursement as per Resolution No. 3500, and recommend it be approved. Mr. Piquett provided information on the reimbursement request, and responded to questions.

MOTION by Alderperson Kohler, and seconded by Alderperson Carroll approving the sewer lateral replacement reimbursement for Robert Wingelman, 372/376 West Washington Avenue, in the amount of \$2,790. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Kohler for adjournment at 6:12 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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