

UTILITY COMMITTEE
Monday, November 7, 2022
6:00pm

PRESENT: Members Turchi, Carroll, Sikora

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Utilities Brian Rhodes, Sewer Utility Director Dave Piquett

Call to Order – Alderperson 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.

Update on Electric Service Interruptions and Water Main Breaks – Director of Utilities Brian Rhodes provided an update on the following:

1. On October 17 there was an outage at the Flight for Life airport hangar. The cause of the outage was a cable fault, which was repaired immediately. The individual hangar was the only customer affected by the outage.
2. On October 22 there was a vehicle accident in the 700 block of Highway 60 involving a pole. The line crew replaced the pole and restored power. One customer was affected by this outage.
3. On November 4 there was an outage reported in the Misty Meadows/E Lincoln Ave neighborhood. A blown fuse was discovered. The blown fuse was caused by a squirrel making contact with the power lines. The line crew replaced the fuse and restored power. About 50 customers were affected.
4. On October 31 a contractor dug through a secondary service at the intersection of Highway 60 and Hillside Road. The line crew replaced the service and restored power. Only one customer was affected.

Discussion and consideration of purchasing 600 electronic water modules from Elster Solutions for a cost not to exceed \$51,072 – Director Rhodes explained this purchase is being made now due to supply chain disruptions and extended lead times. These modules will be used in the water meter replacement program.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora approving the purchase of 600 electronic water modules for a cost not to exceed \$51,072.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of purchasing 480 AMI electric meters from Elster Solutions for a cost not to exceed \$47,416.32 – Director Rhodes explained the lead time for these meters is just over one year and they are needed for inventory. Some will be standard meters and some will have the disconnect feature.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora approving the purchase of 480 AMI electric meters for a cost not to exceed \$47,416.32.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of purchasing 1,956 AMI electric meters from Elster Solutions for a cost not to exceed \$175,002.24 – Director Rhodes explained that these meters would be for the remainder of the meter replacement program in Slinger.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora approving the purchase of 1,956 electric meters for a cost not to exceed \$175,002.24.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Utility Committee (11/07/2022)

Discussion and consideration of purchasing 300 Leotek LED street light fixtures from RESCO at a cost not to exceed \$59,999 – Director Rhodes explained this year is the second year of the four-year replacement program. The CIP budgeted \$60,000 for this program and RESCO came in just under budget with their bid. There was some discussion as to whether or not more light fixtures should be purchased now to avoid another price increase next year, or wait to purchase these if prices are expected to go down. It was decided to purchase the 300 light fixtures now, discuss potential price changes with vendors, and then come back to the committee if the amount needs to be increased or decreased.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Turchi approving the purchase of 300 Leotek LED street light fixtures at a cost not to exceed \$59,999.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of authorizing and accepting the proposal from Municipal Well and Pump for the rehabilitation of Well #10 for a cost not to exceed \$48,930 – This project was part of the CIP budget and the bid amount is within that budget. The city has worked with Municipal Well and Pump for the past 5 years and is very happy with their work.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora authorizing and accepting the proposal from Municipal Well and Pump for the rehabilitation of Well #10 for a cost not to exceed \$48,930.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into an agreement with Altec Industries to purchase a 55' bucket truck for a price not to exceed \$296,212 – Director Rhodes explained both of the bucket trucks on the agenda will take over a year before they are delivered. Both current bucket trucks are scheduled to be replaced in 2023 and 2024. In order to combat the lead time, the order is being requested now. The committee discussed both trucks at the same time and decided to vote on both at the same time as well.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into an agreement with Altec Industries to purchase a 55' bucket truck for a price not to exceed \$296,212 and a 60' bucket truck for a price not to exceed \$298,820.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of authorizing the purchase of a new make-up air unit installed by CornerStone One at a cost not to exceed \$36,350 – Director Rhodes explained the current make-up air unit which controls heating and venting at the Utility building has been recommended for replacement by service techs that have serviced the unit for the last 5 years. The current unit is original to the construction of the Utility building.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora authorizing the purchase of a new make-up air unit installed by CornerStone One at a cost not to exceed \$36,350.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of purchasing a Trojan UVSigna ultra violet disinfection system from Mulcahy Shaw Water at a cost not to exceed \$389,720 – Sewer Utility Director Dave Piquett explained the current system is aging out and the manufacturer will no longer be able to provide parts or support for it. This replacement is part of the 2023 CIP. The new unit comes with a significant energy cost savings along with a potential Focus on Energy grant. Due to lead time and narrow installation window, this item is being brought to the committee early.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora to purchase a Trojan UVSigna ultra violet disinfection system from Mulcahy Shaw Water at a cost not to exceed \$389,720.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Utility Committee (11/07/2022)

Discussion and consideration of purchasing a 2023 John Deere Gator XUV835M from Mid-State Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$18,890.18 – The current vehicle being used to service the plant is not capable of servicing remote areas and needs major repairs. This new vehicle would be able to cover those needs. This item is being brought to the committee now to combat lead times and to avoid potential price increases next year.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora to purchase a 2023 John Deere Gator XUV835M from Mid-State Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$18,890.18.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora for adjournment at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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