

Council Agenda Item 26-0719R



MEETING DATE: August 10, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF WATER METERS FROM BADGER METER, INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$99,540.00.

SUBMITTED BY: Adam Hendrickson

RECOMMENDATION: Approve this purchase

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Resolution 20-0315R, 21-0697R, 21-0975R and 24-0660R approving previous purchases of water meters from Badger Meter Inc.

BACKGROUND: Badger Meter is a factory-direct account providing an industry leading, lead-free, metal-bodied residential meter that was chosen as a standard during the ARP meter replacement project in 2021. Badger Meter is the sole source provider of software, parts and meters used to support the 28,000 Badger meters currently deployed across the City of Duluth's water utility. This meter is configured to be compatible with the City's current Itron meter reading system. The City's meter shop staff have the proprietary training to configure, program, repair and test only Badger water meters.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: Planned expenditure/budgeted from GL 510-500-1905-5533; UtilB-WMET25

OPTIONS: Approve purchase or deny

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve purchase as these are necessary to complete water meter/lead removal project.

ATTACHMENTS: