



City of Grand Forks

Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – November 24, 2025

City Council – December 1, 2025

Agenda Item: 2025 Water Meter Bid Summary

Submitted by: Daniel Hanson, Water Operations Manager

Staff Recommended Action: Approve low bid for water meters to Badger Meter Inc. in the amount of \$84,295.72.

Committee Action: Motion by Weigel, second by Fridolfs, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve staff recommended action. Motion passed 6-1 with Osowski dissenting.

Council Action:

BACKGROUND: Bid for water meters needed for new construction and replacement of faulty meters. The ongoing water meter replacement project only covers residential meters. The meters in this bid will be used in commercial and multifamily properties.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Five companies provided bids for water meters. One bid from Dutton-Lainson Company wasn't opened due to the bid number not being labeled on the envelope as specified.
- Badger meters have been used without issue in Grand Forks for many years.
- Meter costs are reimbursed to the Water Utility as revenue (Sale of Water Meters 5300.000.338.0020)

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Meter Bid Tabulation
- Budget sheets for revenue and expense accounts.

**WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT, GRAND FORKS, ND
WATER METER & ERT BID TABULATION PROPOSAL #2025-4
DATE: 11/21/25**

Meter Bid

BIDDER: Winwater Works				
Qty. Bid	Meter Size	Make	Unit Cost	Total
40	1"	Mueller	\$ 310.00	\$ 12,400.00
25	1 1/2"	Mueller	\$ 824.01	\$ 20,600.25
25	2"	Mueller	\$ 934.88	\$ 23,372.00
10	3"	Diehl	\$ 4,009.49	\$ 40,094.90
7	4"	Diehl	\$ 4,776.74	\$ 33,437.18
107 METERS			Total	\$ 129,904.33

BIDDER: BADGER METERS				
Qty. Bid	Meter Size	Make	Unit Cost	Total
40	1"	Badger	\$ 214.11	\$ 8,564.40
25	1 1/2"	Badger	\$ 614.88	\$ 15,372.00
25	2"	Badger	\$ 821.37	\$ 20,534.25
10	3"	Badger	\$ 2,116.09	\$ 21,160.90
7	4"	Badger	\$ 2,666.31	\$ 18,664.17
107 METERS			Total	\$ 84,295.72

BIDDER: Dutton Lainson				
Qty. Bid	Meter Size	Make	Unit Cost	Total
40				\$ -
25				\$ -
25				\$ -
10				
7				
107 METERS			Total	

BIDDER: Core & Main				
Qty. Bid	Meter Size	Make	Unit Cost	Total
40	1"	Sensus	No Bid	
25	1 1/2"	Sensus	\$ 1,962.07	\$ 49,051.75
25	2"	Sensus	\$ 2,265.43	\$ 56,635.75
10	3"	Sensus	\$ 2,998.76	\$ 29,987.60
7	4"	Sensus	\$ 4,702.57	\$ 32,917.99
107 METERS			Total	\$ 168,593.09

BIDDER: Dakota Supply Group				
Qty. Bid	Meter Size	Make	Unit Cost	Total
40	1"	Kampstrup	\$ 343.00	\$ 13,720.00
25	1 1/2"	Kampstrup	\$ 857.00	\$ 21,425.00
25	2"	Kampstrup	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 26,125.00
10	3"	Kampstrup	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 21,850.00
7	4"	Kampstrup	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 18,550.00
107 METERS			Total	\$ 101,670.00

Transmitter Bid

BIDDER:					
Qty. Bid	Type	Make	Model	Unit Cost	Total
800 Transmitters					

Total



G/L Account	Account Description	2022 Amended Budget	2022 Actual Amount	2023 Amended Budget	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Amended Budget	2025 Mayor's Budget	
5300.000 361.0010	Damages-Buildings	.00	206,838.84	.00	26,259.20	.00	.00	
5300.000 361.0083	Settlements	.00	.00	.00	411,016.16	.00	.00	
5300.000 361.0091	Lease-Water Tower Space	55,500.00	13,719.26	62,000.00	.00	62,000.00	62,000.00	
<i>Other Financing Sources Totals</i>		\$74,500.00	\$236,428.10	\$81,000.00	\$453,055.36	\$81,000.00	\$78,000.00	
<i>Operating Revenues</i>								
5300.000 338.0010	User Utility Billing	12,300,000.00	12,501,891.04	13,318,426.00	13,341,520.61	13,401,991.00	13,738,779.00	
Budget Transactions								
<i>Level</i>	<i>Transaction</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
Mayor's Budget	Assumes a 3.5% rate increase					1.0000	13,738,779.00	13,738,779.00
Mayor's Budget Totals								\$13,738,779.00
5300.000 338.0020	Sale Of Meters	50,000.00	82,585.00	55,000.00	44,675.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	
5300.000 338.0040	Tank Water Sales	3,000.00	1,842.50	3,000.00	2,476.25	3,000.00	2,500.00	
5300.000 338.0060	Tapping Mains-Other Svcs	2,500.00	5,923.47	2,500.00	4,171.85	2,500.00	4,000.00	
5300.000 338.0070	Reimbursable Electricity	12,000.00	9,902.60	11,000.00	9,049.39	11,000.00	9,500.00	
5300.000 338.0080	Car Washes	100.00	90.00	100.00	.00	100.00	100.00	
5300.000 338.0090	Shutoff Collections	5,000.00	4,590.00	5,000.00	4,710.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
5300.000 338.0125	Drinkng Water Sample Test	70,000.00	76,754.00	70,000.00	65,262.58	75,000.00	70,000.00	
5300.000 338.0175	Sale Of Scrap	.00	5,249.90	.00	3,118.60	.00	.00	
5300.000 338.0200	Collection Of Delnqt Bill	.00	40.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
5300.000 338.0210	Penalty-Delinqt Bills	130,000.00	117,613.70	140,000.00	103,498.09	120,000.00	120,000.00	
5300.000 338.0225	GFAFB Mtce. Reimb.	8,000.00	9,688.05	9,000.00	11,192.63	10,000.00	11,000.00	
5300.000 338.0230	Other N.O.C	500.00	30,645.46	500.00	44,891.53	500.00	500.00	
<i>Operating Revenues Totals</i>		\$12,581,100.00	\$12,846,815.72	\$13,614,526.00	\$13,634,566.53	\$13,684,091.00	\$14,016,379.00	
<i>Operating Transfers In</i>								
5300.000 370.0010	Operating Transfers In	2,244,610.00	3,709,151.69	2,049,812.00	2,030,000.00	2,910,599.00	2,922,764.00	
Budget Transactions								
<i>Level</i>	<i>Transaction</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
Mayor's Budget	Trs in Sales Tax Rev-Fund 2175					1.0000	2,922,764.00	2,922,764.00



Water - Transmission & Distribution

G/L Account	Account Description	2022 Amended Budget	2022 Actual Amount	2023 Amended Budget	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Amended Budget	2025 Mayor's Budget	
5300.100.5340 470.0153	City Share of RRWS project	250,000.00	268,843.07	240,000.00	160,344.72	109,300.00	.00	
<i>Other Operating Expenses Totals</i>		\$275,020.00	\$293,357.99	\$275,960.00	\$193,198.49	\$151,300.00	\$46,000.00	
<i>Operating Transfers Out</i>								
5300.100.5340 900.0010	Operating Transfers Out	.00	.00	150,000.00	2,200,421.15	.00	.00	
<i>Operating Transfers Out Totals</i>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$2,200,421.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<i>Capital Outlay</i>								
5300.100.5340 650.0010	Work In Progress	1,471,454.00	1,517,511.91	841,917.00	926,882.23	2,529,090.00	4,830,000.00	
<i>Budget Transactions</i>								
<i>Level</i>	<i>Transaction</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
Mayor's Budget	AMI & Water Meter Replacement Project #8812					1.0000	3,590,000.00	3,590,000.00
Mayor's Budget	LSL Replacement City Share of 15% of \$1,000,000					1.0000	150,000.00	150,000.00
Mayor's Budget	Water Intake HVAC Improvement Lower Level					1.0000	250,000.00	250,000.00
Mayor's Budget	Water Main Repairs & Service Leak Repairs					1.0000	40,000.00	40,000.00
Mayor's Budget	Water Main Replacement					1.0000	650,000.00	650,000.00
Mayor's Budget	Water Main Upsizing City Share					1.0000	150,000.00	150,000.00
							Mayor's Budget Totals	\$4,830,000.00
5300.100.5340 700.0030	Communication & Elec	9,495.00	9,495.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
5300.100.5340 700.0040	Furniture & Fixtures	1,200.00	1,118.00	.00	.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
5300.100.5340 700.0050	Gen Equipment N.O.C.	89,250.00	87,293.29	29,500.00	29,460.66	20,000.00	20,000.00	
<i>Budget Transactions</i>								
<i>Level</i>	<i>Transaction</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
Mayor's Budget	WD Misc. Equipment					1.0000	20,000.00	20,000.00
							Mayor's Budget Totals	\$20,000.00
5300.100.5340 700.0060	Installed Meters	190,400.00	190,360.52	181,193.00	181,192.98	160,000.00	160,000.00	
<i>Budget Transactions</i>								
<i>Level</i>	<i>Transaction</i>					<i>Number of Units</i>	<i>Cost Per Unit</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
Mayor's Budget	Water Meters and ERT's					1.0000	160,000.00	160,000.00
							Mayor's Budget Totals	\$160,000.00