

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-97

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF VALVE MAINTENANCE
EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the City's water system has approximately 800 valves that require certain maintenance including exercising on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, manual turning of older valves brings a greater risk of breaking that valve, while the turning machine offers a more uniform torque on the valve reducing the risk of breaking and having to replace the valve; and

WHEREAS, the City's FY 20/21 Motor Vehicle Pool budget has appropriated \$70,000 for the purchase of a valve turning machine; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works staff identified comparable models from three major manufacturers instead of writing a neutral specification that would require more work on the part of staff and the vendors; and

WHEREAS, the staff has been researching, demonstrating, and evaluating different models identified as comparable evaluating ease of maintenance, controls, cost and other various features; and

WHEREAS, quotes obtained for the equipment ranged from \$49,750 to \$71,075; and

WHEREAS, the DPW garage staff is requesting the purchase of one new Wachs VMT with automated valve operator at a cost of \$71,075.00 as quoted by E.H. Wachs and the cost will be billed to the Motor Vehicle Pool; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-178 of the City Ordinances allows for the waiver of sealed bids.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the purchase of one new Wachs VMT with automated valve operator at a cost of \$71,075.00 as quoted by E.H. Wachs of Lincolnshire, IL and agrees to waive the sealed bid process.