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CITY REPLACING WATER METER SYSTEM

Remember the days when the City would send you a post card asking that you go down the basement and read your own water meter? Those days ended in 2002 when a new Automatic Meter Reading System (AMRS) was installed in our homes that automatically transmitted water usage information to city hall for billing purposes.

Now, 16 years later the 2002 system is aging and requires replacement. The city therefore developed specifications for a new system. Three bids were submitted. The new system transmits meter readings to a central database daily wirelessly through Meter Transmitter Units (MTUs) in your house and a series of 14 data collecting units (DCUs) in the community.

Right now, the City also has an assortment of styles, ages and models of water meters, some are 40 years old. Virtually all water meters will be replaced.

By replacing the MTU's and water meters at the same time, the resident makes only one appointment to be home to allow access to their property to make the changes.

The approval of a vendor by the City Council means the Public Works Department can begin to move forward with implementation. This project is expected to be completed over a one-year period.

During the transition, the old system and new system will continue to operate throughout the city. More information will be coming in August. For more information visit www.cityofpriorlake.com/watermeter.

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