

City receives bid for automated utility meters

(KMZA)--The city of Seneca is looking at the purchase of an automated meter reading system, with the technology eliminating the need to read meters manually.

The Seneca City Council Wednesday evening received bids from three companies for an AMR system, but took no action.

The apparent low bidder was Core and Main, of Olathe, with a total bid of nearly \$528,000.

That was below the \$596,000 the city had budgeted for the project.

City Administrator Matt Rehder says the current process of reading the city's water and electric meters is a two-day job, requiring between 96 and 100 man hours. He said that could be reduced to 2 with the new system.

Rehder says he expects the Council to take action on the bids during their next meeting on Wednesday, January 2nd.

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