

# Ordinance No. 8120

## **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS AND ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the existing water meters, reading equipment, and supporting software that the City has used for the last fifteen (15) years, and currently uses, are nearing the end of their shelf life; and,

**WHEREAS**, a transition to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”) system will enable the City Utilities and Billing Office to read water usage data in real-time from a central location and eliminate the need to drive by customer properties; and,

**WHEREAS**, Council approved the issuance of \$2,160,000.00 in bonds to finance this project in Ordinance No. 8115 on March 26, 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ferguson provided an estimate for the purchase and installation of the AMI system at \$2,080,000.00 on file in the office of the Finance Director; and,

**WHEREAS**, Council finds that the implementation of an AMI system advances the Connectivity Pillar of the Defiance Community Strategic Plan by identifying water leaks in real-time and providing for greater accuracy in billing based on actual water usage;

**Now therefore**, be it enacted by the Council of the Municipality of Defiance, Ohio, that:

**Section 1:** The City Administrator is directed to enter into a contract with Ferguson for the purchase and installation of an AMI system and corresponding equipment at the quoted price of \$2,080,000.00.

**Section 2:** The Finance Director shall pay the contract price from Section 1 from appropriate funds allocated by expenditure from Line 585-539-5-2-972.042 of the 2019 annual budget.

**Section 3:** It is found and determined that all legislative actions pertaining to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in Public Session and that all deliberations that affected or influenced any such legislative act, including all deliberations in Committee, were conducted in Public Session or in Executive Session duly convened in accordance with law.

**Section 4:** This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to preserve the health, safety or welfare of the community for the reason that the project requires scheduling as soon as possible in order to start the three-month installation process and complete it this summer. Council already approved borrowing the funds for this project and commencement shall occur forthwith. As such, this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by an affirmative vote of not less than five (5) Members of Council and approval of the Mayor.

Passed: April 23, 2019

David McMaster  
President of Council

Votes in Favor of Adoption: 7

Votes Opposed to Adoption: 0

Attest: Lisa Elders, Clerk

Approved: April 30, 2019

Michael McCann  
Mayor