

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
LEWISTON, MAINE**

**Minutes of
November 7, 2011**

PRESENT: Michael Marcotte, Councilor Larry Poulin and Paul Robinson,

ABSENT: Stavros Mendros and Councilor Ronald Jean.

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul LeClair, David Jones, Heather Hunter, Mike Bussiere and Norm Beauparlant.

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Chairman Marcotte.

At this time, the Committee reviewed the minutes of October 17, 2011. Mr. Marcotte indicated that Vote 137-2011 should show that Mr. Mendros was the other person opposed and not Mr. Robinson. Mr. Robinson checked his votes and agreed.

On motion of Mr. Poulin, seconded by Mr. Robinson it was

VOTED:

(144-2011) To approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated October 17, 2011 as corrected and to accept and place them on file as presented by the Clerk.

VOTE: 3-0

At this time, Chairman Marcotte asked to move Agenda Item #3 regarding Change Order to the contract with T-Buck to the end of the agenda in case other member were to show up. No objections.

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Poulin, seconded by Mr. Marcotte, it was

VOTED:

(145-2011) To award Bid 2011-062 for a Front End Loader Mounted Snow Blower to Viking-Cives of Sydney, Maine, low bidder meeting specifications at their bid price of \$121,448 and further to accept the trade in allowance of \$2,500 for a net award of \$118,948.

VOTE: 3-0

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On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Poulin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, it was

VOTED:

(146-2011) To reject all bids received on Bid 2011-056 on the Reconditioning of Engine #3 in light of the letter received from Smeal Fire Apparatus on the work specified and to allow time for the Fire Department to look at different options on reconditioning.

VOTE: 3-0

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Mr. Poulin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, it was

VOTED:

(147-2011) To ratify Change Order #2 to the contract with St. Laurent & Son on the 2011 Water Main Replacement Project (Bid 2011-040) in the amount of \$2,400.

VOTE: 3-0

At this time, the Committee considered the recommendation with regard to Bid 2011-061 on Police Uniforms. After discussion by the Committee and on motion of Mr. Marcotte, seconded by Mr. Poulin it was

VOTED:

(148-2011) To table action on Bid 2011-061 on Police Uniforms until the next meeting to allow time for staff to provide additional information and to make any corrections needed to the tabulation.

VOTE: 3-0

At this time, the Committee discussed the Change Order to the contract with T-Buck on the Lake Auburn UV Facility jointly funded with the Auburn Water District. The Purchasing Agent indicated that the item had been tabled at the last Finance Committee meeting. He further indicated that the Auburn Water District Trustees acted on the Change Order at its meeting of October 19, 2011 and asked that the Finance Committee take action at this time.

On motion of Mr. Poulin, seconded by Mr. Marcotte, it was

VOTED:

(149-2011) To table action on Change Order #1 until the next meeting to allow for a full Committee discussion and vote.

**VOTE: 2-1 Failed
Mr. Robinson opposed**

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On motion of Mr.Poulin, seconded by Mr. Robinson, it was

VOTED:

(150-2011) To approve Change Order #1 to the contract with T-Buck as a net credit to the project of \$75,178.55.

**VOTE: 2-1 Failed
Mr. Marcotte opposed**

At this time, Finance Director Heather Hunter reviewed current Debt Limit Ordinance and what the City Council is considering for changes to the Ordinances. After discussion by the Committee and on motion of Mr. Marcotte, seconded by Mr. Poulin, it was

VOTED:

(151-2011) To recommend to the City Council that Section 2-34 Council action on bond issue authorization read as follows:

Sec. 2-34. Council action on bond issue authorization

The amount of debt to be authorized for issuance, in any fiscal year, shall not exceed 80% of the average amount of annual debt being retired over the 3 previous fiscal years unless the debt is financed through sources other than general property taxes, such as Tax Increment Financing, State or Federal subsidy opportunities or enterprise funds which are paid from user fees.

VOTE: 3-0

VOTED:

To adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Norman Beuparlant
Clerk
Finance Committee