

FINANCE COMMITTEE LEWISTON, MAINE

**Minutes of
January 24, 2011**

PRESENT: Michael Marcotte, Mark Paradis, Councilor Larry Poulin and Stavros Mendros. Councilor Ronald Jean arrived at 5:19 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Marcotte.

On motion of Mr. Paradis, seconded by Mr. Mendros it was

VOTED:

(007-2011) To approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated January 3, 2011 and to accept and place them on file as presented by the Clerk.

VOTE: 4-0

At this time, Mr. Jean joined the meeting (5:19 p.m.)

At this time, the Purchasing Agent presented information received from Mr. Jerry Haynes, President of Eastern Fire Services Inc. Eastern Fire was not awarded the municipal portion of Bid 2010-054 on Sprinkler System Inspection services which was awarded to Sprinkler Systems Corp. on December 13, 2010. The Purchasing Agent explained that Mr. Haynes' appeal request was not done in a timely fashion and that he had indicated to Mr. Haynes that it would be brought back to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Paradis asked if staff recommendation had changed and the Purchasing Agent indicated that the recommendation had not changed. No action to reconsider was called for by the Committee therefore, no action by the Committee was required.

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

VOTED:

(008-2011) To award the contract (Bid 2010-057) for an Investment Grade Energy Audit of the YWCA facility on East Avenue at a cost of one (\$1.00) dollar to Trane U.S. Inc., Westbrook, Maine.

VOTE: 5-0

At this time, the Committee considered the recommendation regarding Bid LA 2010-003 on the UV Treatment Facility Construction Phase II & III to be funded jointly by the City of Lewiston and the Auburn Water District at the Lake Auburn site.

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The Purchasing Agent and City Engineer explained that a single bid for the work was received on December 21, 2010. An evaluation by both staff and the Engineering Consultant and a meeting with the single bidder led to a number of discussions to do some value engineering to bring the project within available resources.

The recommendation of award to T-Buck Construction, Auburn, Maine, at the revised bid price of \$3,134,258 to be shared on a 50/50 basis with Auburn was put forward.

The City Engineer noted that the Auburn Water District Trustees met on January 19th and voted in favor of moving forward with the contractor on the project.

The Finance Committee expressed serious concern with a bid of this magnitude and with Pre-Bid interest being high, why only one (1) bid was received.

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

VOTED:

(009-2011) To reject the bid from T-Buck at the revised bid price of \$3,134,258 and to put the project back out to bid.

VOTE: 5-0

At this time, the Purchasing Agent presented an overview of action taken by the City Council at its meeting of January 18, 2011. The City Council acting on the recommendation of the Public Works Director authorized the change to single stream recycling and to continue with the current method of waste collection. The Purchasing Agent noted that with the action of the City Council the recommendation for award would be to split the award between two (2) companies.

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

VOTED:

(010-2011) To award Bid 2010-021 on Waste & Recyclable Collection on an item by item basis for a five (5) year term as follows:

| Contractor | Item/Description | 5 yr contract |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Pine Tree Waste Scarborough ME | Item 1: Curbside Waste Collection | \$2,718,258 |
| Almighty Waste Auburn ME | Item 2: Single Stream Curbside | \$994,945 |
| | Item 3: Curbside Collection – Christmas Trees | 41,120 |
| | Item 4: Curbside Collection @ Schools & City Bldgs. | 102,770 |
| | Total Award | \$3,857,093 |

VOTE: 3-2

Mr. Mendros & Mr. Marcotte opposed

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

VOTED:

(011-2011) To extend the contract for Brokerage of Recyclable Material with FCR Casella, Scarborough, Maine, until June 30, 2011 to allow for the transition into the single stream program

VOTE: 5-0

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

VOTED:

(012-2011) To award Bid 2011-004 on a Sewer Pump Station (VFD) Variable Frequency Drive to Electrical Systems of Maine, at their bid price of \$45,042 for seven (7) units.

VOTE: 5-0

At this time, the Committee reviewed the proposed LCIP for FY 2012. The Purchasing Agent referred the Committee to action taken by the Planning Board and Finance Committee recommendations made for the past three (3) years to the City Council. The Purchasing Agent noted that the Committee is required by the Charter to make its recommendation by February 15th of each year.

After discussion of the fiscal impact of the proposed LCIP, Chairman Marcotte asked that members be prepared at the next Finance Committee meeting with their recommendations and if members had suggestions regarding a recommendation to forward to him prior to the meeting.

No action is required at this time.

At this time, the Purchasing Agent requested that two (2) members be part of a Selection Review Committee (SRC) to select a firm for recommendation to the Committee for services involved in the Riverfront Island Master Plan (RFP 2011-014) due February 17, 2011. Mr. Mendros and Mr. Marcotte indicated they would both be willing to be members of the Selection Review Committee.

VOTED:

To adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Norman Beauparlant
Clerk
Finance Committee