

FINANCE COMMITTEE
LEWISTON, MAINE
Minutes of
May 11, 2009

PRESENT: Michael Marcotte, Councilor Denis Theriault, Ronald Paradis and Councilor Robert Reed.

ABSENT: Stavros Mendros

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by the Clerk.

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

VOTED:

(47-2009) To elect Ronald Paradis Chairperson for this meeting.

VOTE: 4-0

On motion of Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Theriault it was

VOTED:

(48-2009) To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated April 27, 2009 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

VOTE: 4-0

The Purchasing Agent informed the Committee that Item 3 on the Agenda for Sidewalk and Roadside Weed Control Services as well as Item 4 on the purchase of Shade Trees needed additional time to further evaluate the proposals before actually recommending an award of the bid.

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

VOTED:

(49-2009) To table the award of Bid 2009-019 on Weed Control Services and Bid 2009-018 on the purchase of Shade Trees until the next regular meeting.

VOTE: 4-0

The Purchasing Agent requested ratification of the award of a bid on Abatement of Asbestos at 75 & 87 Lincoln Street as well as Bates Mill #5. The proposal from the apparent low bidder Atlantic Construction Services of Auburn, Maine, was not considered because it was deemed non-responsive as it did not include the bid security in the form required by the specifications and affirmed to all of the contractors at a Pre-Bid conference.

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Committee members were concerned that the proposal from the second bidder was approximately \$1,000 higher than the disqualified bidder. Staff indicated that the specifications were clear in requiring a certified check to secure the bid and is not fair to all other bidders who follow the terms and conditions by submitting the certified check that may involve additional cost on the part of the bidder. It was further pointed out that this was a ratification and that the bid had been awarded and the work had been completed by the other bidder.

Committee members requested that a review of the procedure on award of the bid by the Purchasing Agent without Finance Committee approval be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

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

VOTED:

(50-2009) To ratify the award of Bid 2009-017 on ACM Abatement at 75 Lincoln Street, 87 Lincoln Street and Bates Mill #5 to the low bidder meeting specifications, R J Enterprises, Brunswick, Maine, low bidder at their bid price of \$14,675.

VOTE: 3-1
Marcotte opposed

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

VOTED:

(51-2009) To ratify award of Bid 2009-020 on Demolition of 75 & 87 Lincoln Street to Roland's Demolition, Auburn, Maine, low bidder at their total bid price of \$18,888.

VOTE: 4-0

VOTED:

To adjourn at 5:32 p.m.

Richard T. Metivier
Clerk
Finance Committee