

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**LEWISTON, MAINE**  
**Minutes of**  
**July 6, 2009**

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

**ABSENT:** Stavros Mendros and Councilor Robert Reed

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by the Clerk.

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

**VOTED:**

**(73-2009)** To elect Ronald Paradis Chairperson Pro-Tem for this meeting.

**VOTE: 3-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(74-2009)** To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated June 15, 2009 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

**VOTE: 3-0**

The Committee considered award of Bid 2009-022 on replacement of carpeting in the Children's Room on the third floor of the Library. Councilor Theriault indicated that he along with Mr. Marcotte had inspected the area and stated the majority of carpet being replaced was in good condition. He indicated that certain areas in blue on the diagram provided should be stretched because of sections which are bubbling however, the remainder of the areas in green or tan on the diagram were in great shape and did not need to be replaced. The Library Director is on vacation and therefore could not be available to explain the need for the replacement of the carpet. Mr. Marcotte wanted to obtain information on how long ago the carpet was installed; who had performed the work and can the carpet be replaced with square carpet tiles.

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

**VOTED:**

**(75-2009)** To table the award of Bid 2009-022 and to instruct the staff to look at alternatives for replacement of the carpet and whether the scope of the work can be reduced based on the unit prices submitted by the bidders.

**VOTE: 3-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(76-2009)** To award Bid 2009-015 on the reclaiming of existing asphalt to Pike Industries, Lewiston, Maine, low bidder at the total bid price of \$27,285.

**VOTE: 3-0**

The Committee considered award of Bid LA 2009-004 on the Lease of Rental Units in support of the Lewiston/Auburn Lead Hazard Control Grant Program. Councilor Theriault asked who assumes responsibility for the tenants for leases between the owner and the City. Mark McComas indicated that, in addition to the agreement with the landlord, the City would enter into an agreement with the tenants outlining the tenant's area of responsibility. The agreements would be reviewed by the City Attorney's office to insure that the City's interests are protected.

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

**VOTED:**

**(77-2009)** To award Bid LA 2009-004 on the Lease of Rental Units in support of the Lewiston/Auburn Lead Hazard Control Grant Program to Angela Bisson for the property at 75 Howard Street at a rate of \$795 per month for a total lease of \$27,030 and to Lisa Cote owner of 79 Cook Street at a rate of \$815 per month for a total lease of \$27,710.

**VOTE: 3-0**

The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Director, pursuant to Section 58-111 of the City Code of Ordinances, to provide a Cost of Living Adjustment to Pensioners or their beneficiaries under the old City Pension Plan. There are currently twelve (12) retirees or beneficiaries under the plan and the cost of living increase is determined based on increases provided to active City employees.

Mr. Marcotte and Councilor Theriault had reservations on approving the increase which was calculated at 4.04% to active City employees. They inquired whether there was any option to approving this increase and the Clerk indicated that the increase is based on the wage adjustments made to active City employees as required by the Code of Ordinances. After a lengthy discussion on the Cost of Living adjustments for City Pensioners, Mr. Paradis made a motion to approve the Cost of Living adjustment to the City Pensioners as recommended and the motion died for lack of a second. Councilor Theriault and Mr. Marcotte asked if this item could be tabled for more information and the Clerk indicated that could be done as all Cost of Living adjustments approved are made retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year.

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

**VOTED:**

**(78-2009)** To table, until the next regular meeting, the Cost of Living adjustment to pensioners and beneficiaries under the old City Pension Plan and to request a copy of the Code of Ordinances relative to the Cost of Living Adjustment and to also have a list of the individual pension amounts without the names of the Pensioners.

**VOTE: 3-0**

**VOTED:**

To adjourn at 6:08 p.m.

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Richard T. Metivier  
Clerk  
Finance Committee