

FINANCE COMMITTEE LEWISTON, MAINE

Minutes of July 1, 2013

PRESENT: Councilor Mark Cayer, Michael Marcotte, Robert Reed and Councilor Doreen Christ. Stavros Mendros arrived at 5:30.

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Director David Jones, Deputy Public Works Director Kevin Gagne and Director of Purchasing Norman Beauparlant.

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by the Clerk. Mr. Marcotte was elected Chairman Pro-Tem.

On motion of Councilor Christ, seconded by Mr. Reed it was

VOTED:

(056-2013) To approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated June 17, 2013 and to accept and place them on file as presented by the Clerk.

**VOTE: 3-0-1
Councilor Cayer abstained**

At this time, the Purchasing Director presented the Committee with the request for a Waiver of Competition on the basis of sole source to allow for the purchase and installation of two (2) PAX 400 submersible active mixing systems from Utility Services Company Inc., the sole distributor of the PAX Water Mixer.

Mr. Mendros joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

After discussion with David Jones, Public Works Director and Kevin Gagne, Deputy Public Works Director the following action was taken.

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

VOTED:

(057-2013) To authorize a Waiver of Competition on the basis of sole source to allow for the purchase and installation of two (2) PAX 400 submersible active mixing systems from Utility Services Company Inc. to be installed in the two (2) water storage tanks located at the Ferry Road site at the quoted price of \$45,525 each for a total price of \$91,050.

VOTE: 5-0

Mr. Marcotte relinquished the Chair to Mr. Mendros

At this time, the Purchasing Director presented Bid 2013-011 on the Pond Road Culvert Replacement Project. The Director explained that the apparent low bidder had made a substantial error on the bid proposal. The contractor was contacted to confirm that the error had been made

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and the Purchasing Director recommended that the bid be rejected on the basis of it being unbalanced and did not reflect the actual cost of furnishing and installing an 8 ft. X 4½ ft. arch culvert.

Mr. Marcotte felt that the company should be awarded the bid even though the company had acknowledged the error.

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

VOTED:

(058-2013) To award Bid 2013-011 for the Pond Road Culvert Replacement to Gendron & Gendron at their bid price of \$23,100.

VOTE: 2-3

Mr. Reed, Councilor Cayer and Councilor Christ opposed – vote failed

On motion of Councilor Cayer, seconded by Councilor Christ it was

VOTED:

(059-2013) To award Bid 2013-011 on the Pond Road Culvert Replacement to Longchamps & Sons, Lisbon, Maine, low bidder meeting specifications at their bid price of \$49,700.

VOTE: 3-2

Mr. Marcotte and Mr. Reed opposed

On recommendation of the Purchasing Director and on motion of Mr. Marcotte, seconded by Councilor Cayer it was

VOTED:

(060-2013) To award Bid 2013-032 for the Demolition of 139 Bartlett Street to Morin Excavating, Auburn, Maine, low bidder at their bid price of \$8,000.

VOTE: 5-0

On recommendation of the Purchasing Director and on motion of Mr. Marcotte, seconded by Councilor Christ it was

VOTED:

(061-2013) To award Bid 2013-033 for the Demolition of 186 Bartlett Street to Morin Excavating, Auburn, Maine, low bidder at their bid price of \$7,900.

VOTE: 4-1

Mr. Marcotte opposed

VOTED:

To adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Norman Beuparlant, Purchasing Director
Finance Committee Clerk