

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**LEWISTON, MAINE**  
**Minutes of**  
**July 20, 2009**

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairperson Mendros.

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

**VOTED:**

**(79-2009)** 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: 3-0-2**  
**Mr. Mendros & Councilor Reed abstained**

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

**VOTED:**

**(80-2009)** To suspend the rules of the Committee and to take Item 5 out of order as the first item of business.

**VOTE: 5-0**

The Committee considered a request for a Waiver of Competition in order to purchase a Video Camera System to be installed at Central Fire Station and the Oak Street Parking Garage which would be intergraded into the existing wireless mesh network system in use at the Lewiston Police Department and the Lewiston School System. The current system has been designed and installed by Jeff Hinckley of Norris Inc., South Portland, Maine, and it is important for the reliability of the network that the same company install the additional equipment.

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

**VOTED:**

**(81-2009)** To authorize a Waiver of Competition in order to purchase a Video Camera System to be installed at Central Fire Station and the Oak Street Parking Garage to Norris Incorporated, South Portland, Maine, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 to ensure compatibility with the existing wireless mesh network system at the Lewiston Police Department.

**VOTE: 5-0**

The Committee considered the cost of living adjustment to City Pensioners under the old City Pension Plan, which had been tabled at the previous meeting. Additional information provided included the Code of Ordinances addressing the COLA for City Pensioners and well as the City Charter provision continuing benefits provided under the old Charter. A listing of the twelve (12) retirees or beneficiaries, without names, and the amount of the benefits being received was also distributed to the Committee. After a brief discussion the following action was taken.

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

**VOTED:**

**(82-2009)** Pursuant to Section 58-111 of the City Code of Ordinances, to authorize a Cost of Living Adjustment to Pensioners and beneficiaries under the old City Pension Plan in the amount 4.04% for fiscal year 2010 and that the adjustment be retroactive to July 1, 2009.

**VOTE: 4-0-1**  
**Mr. Marcotte abstained**

The Committee reviewed the recommendation from Rick Speer, Library Director, on a revised scope for replacement of the carpeting at the Library which had been tabled at the previous meeting. Mr. Speer indicated that he had reviewed the areas to be carpeted again with the low bidder, Royal Flooring, and based on a revised scope that would remove the carpeting in office and storage areas as well as the fire egress pathway and would provide carpet tiles in the main floor area. The price for the revised scope of work was \$13,000. After a brief discussion the following action was taken.

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

**VOTED:**

**(83-2009)** To award Bid 2009-022 on Carpeting for the Library based on a revised scope of work as approved by the Library Director, to Royal Flooring, Lewiston, Maine, low bidder at a cost of \$13,000.

**VOTE: 5-0**

The Committee considered award of the bid on the Goff Brook CSO Project which is being funded through an American Reinvestment Recovery Act funds. David Jones, Public Services Director, informed the Committee that an issue had arisen relative to ownership of Morning Side Street which would have to be cleared up by action of the City Council at an upcoming meeting. The Department of Environmental Protection has indicated that approval of the bid award would be subject to City having ownership and title of the street.

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

**VOTED:**

**(84-2009)** Subject to approval of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection on award of the bid, to award Bid 2009-021 on the Goff Brook CSO Storage Project to St. Laurent & Son, Lewiston, Maine, low bidder meeting specifications at their total bid price of \$723,489.

**VOTE: 4-0-1**

**Mr. Mendros abstained**

A request was made to award a Task Order for Construction Inspection of the Goff Brook CSO Storage Project. The Task Order with Sebago Technics would be subject to the same terms as the award of the construction contract.

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

**VOTED:**

**(85-2009)** Subject to approval of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection on award of the construction bid, to authorize a Task Order for Construction Inspection of the Goff Brook CSO Storage Project with Sebago Technics, Lewiston, Maine, at a total cost not to exceed \$64,200.

**VOTE: 5-0**

At this time, the Committee considered award of the bid on Horton Street Water Main Replacement Project. The low bidder, Eastwood Contractors Inc., Brewer, Maine, received positive references when City staff verified the work which they had performed in many other Maine cities. The project is also subject to a Performance Bond.

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

**VOTED:**

**(86-2009)** To award Bid 2009-030 on the Horton Street Water Main Replacement Project to Eastwood Contractors Inc., Brewer, Maine, low bidder at their total bid price of \$208,496.

**VOTE: 5-0**

**VOTED:**

To adjourn at 5:37 p.m.

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Richard T. Metivier  
Clerk  
Finance Committee