

FINANCE COMMITTEE LEWISTON, MAINE

Minutes of September 23, 2013

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Director Highway/Open Space Megan Bates, Deputy Director Water/Sewer and Electrical Kevin Gagne, Fleet Operating Manager Phil Brienza, City Engineer Richard Burnham, City Buildings Engineer Michael Paradis, Building Maintenance Supervisor Jay Arnold, Planner/Deputy Director Planning & Code David Hediger and Director of Purchasing Norman Beuparlant.

Meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. by Chairman Mendros.

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

VOTED:

(092-2013) To approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated September 9, 2013 and to accept and place them on file as presented by the Clerk.

VOTE: 5-0

At this time, the Purchasing Director presented background information on the bid process with regard to Bid 2013-030 Simard-Payne Park Improvements Phase I. In addition, the Purchasing Director indicated that by rule of the Committee with regard to a single bid in excess of \$100,000, he could not make a recommendation for award. The Purchasing Director requested that the Committee suspend its rules with regard to a single bid to consider award of the bid. Following discussion by the Committee and;

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

VOTED:

(093-2013) To reject the bid from the sole contractor, J. Pratt Construction and to re-bid the project

**VOTE: 4-1
Councilor Cayer opposed.**

At this time, the Purchasing Director presented the recommendation to award Bid 2013-050 for the Pedestrian Bridge Improvement into Simard-Payne Park. Recommendation of the Director was to award the bid to Scott Construction Corporation, Falmouth, Maine, at their base bid price of \$79,733. The Director explained that the Add Alternate was not being recommended because of the cost of the higher grade material

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Discussion followed by the Committee with regard to the expected life of the higher quality wood over the Hemlock material specified in the Base Bid.

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

VOTED:

(094-2013) To award Bid 2013-050 on the Simard-Payne Pedestrian Bridge Improvements to Scott Construction Corporation, Falmouth, Maine, low bidder at their total bid price of \$111,733 to include the upgrade in material for the decking from Hemlock to IPE decking.

VOTE: 5-0

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

VOTED:

(095-2013) To award Bid 2013-048 for a Tracked Excavator to Chadwick-BaRoss, Westbrook, Maine, low bidder meeting specifications at their bid price of \$159,500 and further to accept the trade in allowance of \$16,000 for a net award of \$143,500.

VOTE: 5-0

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

VOTED:

(096-2013) To award Bid 2013-042 for one (1) Tandem Axle Truck Chassis & Cab to Freightliner of Maine, Westbrook, Maine, low bidder meeting specifications at their bid price of \$132,300.

VOTE: 3-1-1

Mr. Marcotte opposed

Mr. Reed abstained

At this time, the Purchasing Director briefed the Committee on the City Council action authorizing the purchase of two (2) commercial riding lawn mowers, one zero turn and one front deck mower.

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

VOTED:

(097-2013) To authorize the purchase of two (2) commercial rated lawn mowers for the Public Works Department as follows:

Hammond Tractor	48” Zero Turn	\$8,395
	John Deere Z920R48	
Farris Equipment	Pro-Cut 61”	8,479
	Front deck mower	

VOTE: 5-0

At this time, 6:00 p.m., Mr. Marcotte excused himself to attend the Lewiston Planning Board meeting.

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

VOTED:

(098-2013) To rescind the contract (Bid 2013-008) with Capital Contractors, Woburn, MA, for custodial services at City Hall, Public Works and the Solid Waste offices. Contractor to be given fourteen (14) day notice in accordance with the contract.

VOTE: 4-0

At this time, the Purchasing Director provided the Committee with an update on the FY 2015 LCIP (Lewiston Capital Improvement Plan) process including the proposed time line leading to action by the City Council by March 1, 2013.

VOTED:

To adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

Norman Beauparlant, Purchasing Director
Finance Committee Clerk