

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **LEWISTON, MAINE**

**Minutes of**  
**May 19, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Roger Provencher, Stavros Mendros and Councilor Robert Reed. Ron Paradis arrived at 5:06 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Denis Theriault

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by the Chairman Provencher.

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

**VOTED:**

**(36-2008)** To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated May 5, 2008 and to accept and place them on file.

**VOTE: 3-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(37-2008)** To award Bid 2008-023 on Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to Brigham Industries, Paxton, MA, low bidder at their bid price of \$15,216 on Item 1 and \$9,240 on Item 2 for a total of \$24,456.

**VOTE: 3-0**

Ron Paradis arrived at the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

The Fire Department requested a Waiver of Competition in order to purchase ten (10) mobile radios and two (2) multi-unit chargers from Motorola. The request was based on compatibility of existing equipment within the Fire Department, which are Motorola units. The items will be purchased through a 2007 Homeland Security Grant.

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

**VOTED:**

**(38-2008)** Pursuant to Section 3.3.1 of the Purchasing Policy, for reasons of compatibility, to authorize a Waiver of Competition in order for the Fire Department to purchase ten (10) portable radios and two (2) multi-unit chargers at a total cost of \$29,200 from Motorola, Newark, NJ.

**VOTE: 4-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(39-2008)** To award Bid 2008-007 on the Central Fire Station Floor Rehabilitation Project to Knowles Industrial Services, Gorham, Maine, low bidder at their total bid price of \$39,920.

**VOTE: 4-0**

At this time, the Finance Committee considered Item 6 on the agenda which was award of the bid on the Landfill Expansion Project. The Finance Director indicated that the City Council had not authorized funding for this project as of this date and the award should wait until the City Council authorizes funding. It was also mentioned that there was a representative from K & K Excavation present at the meeting who wished to speak in regards to the bid which they submitted.

Prior to considering a tabling motion, the Committee Chairperson acknowledged Greg Mitchell, of Eaton Peabody to speak on behalf of K & K Excavation. Mr. Mitchell indicated that he wished to present information to staff prior to an award of the contract being made in order that they have the opportunity to show that his company meets the requirements of the specifications for the project. Staff indicated that it would allow for that opportunity to occur prior to making the formal recommendation. Chairman Provencher inquired if there was a pre-qualification process with contractors to bid on this project and the Purchasing Agent responded that they did not have a pre-qualification process for this bid.

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

**VOTED:**

**(40-2008)** To table the award of Bid 2008-013 on the Secure Landfill Expansion Project Phase III until the next regular meeting scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**VOTE: 4-0**

The Committee considered award of the joint bid with the Auburn Water District on the Chlorine System Conversion Project. The allocation of construction costs on this project is based on a 60/40 percent allocation.

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

**VOTED:**

**(41-2008)** To award Bid LA 2008-003 on the Chlorine System Conversion Project to Apex Corporation, Rochester, NH, low bidder at a total bid price of \$291,100 with Lewiston's share being \$174,660.

**VOTE: 4-0**

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The Committee considered award of the bid on the season’s requirement of Bituminous Pavement to be picked up at the bidder’s plant. The Purchasing Agent indicated that although R C & Sons Paving, whose plant is located in Auburn, submitted lower pricing on four (4) of the items by a \$2 margin, it was indicated that conditions requiring the rescinding of the bid in 2005 due to poor quality and long delays encountered by City crews, had not changed to the point of satisfaction to award the contract to R C & Sons.

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

**VOTED:**

**(42-2008)** To award Bid 2008-028 on the season’s requirement of Bituminous Pavement to be picked up at the bidder’s plant to Pike Industries, Lewiston, Maine, at the following bid prices:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price per ton</b>
1	Type 19 mm, 50 Gyration HMA	\$53.00
2	Type 12.5 mm, 50 Gyration HMA	\$55.50
3	Type 9.5 mm, Surface, 50 Gyration HMA	\$55.50
4	Type 9.5 mm, Shim, 50 Gyration HMA	\$55.50
5	Grade D, Fine, Standard Mix	\$55.50
6	Bituminous Curb Mix	\$67.50

**VOTE: 4-0**

Due to a prior commitment, Councilor Reed had to leave the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

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

**VOTED:**

**(43-2008)** To award Bid 2008-027 on the season’s requirement of Gravel, Loam & Crushed Rock to the low bidder meeting specifications as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Vendor/Delivered</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Aggregate Base	Gendron & Gendron	Delivered to Op Ctr	\$10.00
		Delivered to Job Site	10.75
		Loaded at Plant	9.50
Aggregate Sub-Base	Gendron & Gendron	Delivered to Op Ctr	\$9.00
		Delivered to Job Site	9.50
		Loaded at Plant	8.50
Crushed Rock	Gendron & Gendron	Delivered to Op Ctr	\$15.35
		Delivered to Job Site	16.35
		Loaded at Plant	14.85
Loam	Beaulieu Industries	Delivered to Op Ctr	\$12.50
		Delivered to Job Site	12.50
		Loaded at Plant	12.50
Winter Sand	Dube Gravel	Delivered to Op Ctr	\$8.25
		Delivered to Job Site	8.50

**VOTE: 3-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(44-2008)** To award Bid 2008-016 on the annual requirement of Shade Trees to Roaring Brook Nurseries of Wales Maine and O'Donal's Nursery of Gorham Maine as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Total</b>
Roaring Brook Nurseries Wales ME	1,2,3,8,13,14,15,16,20,24,28 & 36	\$12,555.00
O'Donal's Nursery Gorham ME	4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,17,18,19,21,23,26,27,31, 35,37 & 38	10,682.50
	<b>Total Estimated Award</b>	<b>\$23,237.50</b>

**VOTE: 3-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(45-2008)** To award Bid 2008-026 on Dump Truck Rentals during the construction season to R C & Sons, Lewiston, Maine, low bidder at their price of \$51/hour for Item 1 and \$60/hour for Item 2.

**VOTE: 3-0**

The Purchasing Agent indicated that in reviewing the bid for Precast Structures, if one were to look at the items as complete units, Precast Structure of Topsham, Maine, would be the low bidder however, because most of the items picked up on a unit basis as needed for various repairs throughout the City, the bid of Gagne Precast of Auburn, Maine was the low bidder.

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

**VOTED:**

**(46-2008)** To award Bid 2008-025 on the annual requirements of Precast Structures to Gagne Precast of Auburn, Maine, at the prices stated.

**VOTE: 3-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(47-2008)** To ratify award of Bid 2008-031 on Asbestos Abatement at the Bates Mill Executive Office Building to Atlantic Construction Services, Auburn, Maine, low bidder at their total bid price of \$8,875.

**VOTE: 3-0**

The Purchasing Agent brought the Committee up to date in regards to the annual bid for Fuel Oil which is currently bid with the Lewiston School Department, Auburn Municipal and School Department, Androscoggin County, Town of Poland and the Town of Minot. As has been the practice in most recent years, the Finance Committee has authorized the Purchasing Agent to make the award of the bid on the day the prices were submitted because of the vendor's requirement that the commitment be made on the same day as the bid. The City has the option to accept or reject the bids when they are received.

Mr. Beauparlant advised the Committee that he met with all of the groups from the various entities this morning and the discussion revolved around a request by the Auburn City Council that residents of the City of Auburn be allowed to purchase from the prices obtained on the City's Fuel Oil bid. He indicated that the result of the discussion was that an item would be added to the bid request as an alternate to include the prices which would be paid for Auburn residents if the vendor elected to submit such a proposal.

Finance Committee members expressed concern that adding a requirement for Lewiston residents was not in the City's best interest and that it could potentially jeopardize the pricing of the product for the City's needs. After a lengthy discussion the Committee advised the Purchasing Agent to proceed on the award of the contract as has been done in previous years.

**VOTED:**

To adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

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Richard T. Metivier  
Clerk  
Finance Committee