

FINANCE COMMITTEE LEWISTON, MAINE

**Minutes of
September 22, 2008**

PRESENT: Chairman Roger Provencher, Councilor Robert Reed, Councilor Denis Theriault and Stavros Mendros. Ron Paradis arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by the Chairman Provencher.

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

VOTED:

(104-2008) To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated September 8, 2008 and to accept and place them on file.

VOTE: 4-0

The Committee considered a Waiver of Competition in order to authorize the purchase of School Surveillance System via remote monitoring technology for the Lewiston Police Department. The equipment is being purchased through a special grant and the Police Department was requesting that the purchase be made through the same vendor who installed and put in place Auburn School Department and Auburn Police Department's system, for compatibility purposes.

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

VOTED:

(105-2008) Pursuant to Section 3.3.1 of the Purchasing Policy, to authorize a Waiver of Competition in order to purchase a School Surveillance Monitoring Technology from Norris Inc., South Portland, Maine, at a total contract price of \$46,213.

VOTE: 4-0-1

Mr. Paradis abstained

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

VOTED:

(106-2008) To award Bid 2008-043 on the Interceptor Sewer Inspection Project to National Water Main Cleaning Company, Canton, MA, low bidder at their total bid price of \$80,978.

VOTE: 5-0

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

VOTED:

(107-2008) To award Bid 2008-056 on the Combined Sewer Separation Project to Pratt & Sons, Mechanic Falls, Maine, low bidder at their total estimated contract price of \$234,447.50

VOTE: 5-0

The Committee considered award of the bid on a Tandem Drive Truck Tractor for the Public Works Department. The apparent low bidder, Whited Truck Center of Auburn, Maine, did not meet specifications in three (3) areas, two of which were critical namely the engine horsepower and the size of the front brakes. It was recommended that the bid be awarded to next low bidder Freightliner of Maine who had two minor exceptions to the bid specifications.

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

VOTED:

(108-2008) To award Bid 2008-051 on a Tandem Drive Truck Tractor to Freightliner of Maine, Westbrook, Maine, low bidder meeting specifications at their base bid price of \$100,587 with allowance for trade in of \$3,587 for a net bid price of \$97,000.

VOTE: 5-0

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

VOTED:

(109-2008) To award Bid 2008-054 for a 1 ton 4X4 Pick Up Truck with Utility Body to Auburn Motor Sales, Auburn, Maine, low bidder on the diesel engine alternate at a price of \$33,580.96 less the allowance for trade in of \$1,300 for a net bid price of \$32,280.96.

VOTE: 5-0

The Committee was made aware of a letter received from Auburn Motor Sales on Bid 2008-052 for a Truck Chassis and Cab which was awarded by the Committee at their meeting of September 8th. Subsequent to the award of the bid, Auburn Motor Sales indicated that it had made an error in submission of bid which resulted in a \$5,100 error which the company was not in a position to absorb. Committee members questioned whether the company could be held to their bid and it was explained that there was no bid security required because this was not a construction project which exceeded an estimated \$50,000 total construction or total contract price. The Purchasing Agent indicated that Auburn Motor Sales has done business with the City for many years and this was the first time that such an error was made and that the original bid was not honored. Because there were no other bidders who had submitted proposals, it was recommended that the original bid be rescinded and that new proposals from the vendors be sought.

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

VOTED:

(110-2008) To rescind the award of Bid 2008-052 on a Truck Chassis & Cab to Auburn Motor Sales and to instruct the Purchasing Agent to seek new proposals for the vehicle.

VOTE: 5-0

A request was made for a Waiver of Competition in order to allow for the purchase of twelve (12) flow meters used to record overflow volumes at the out falls throughout the City. The City currently has four (4) units from Liston Utility Services and was requesting that the twelve additional units be compatible with the existing software and hardware for efficiency purposes.

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

VOTED:

(111-2008) Authorize a Waiver of Competition pursuant to Section 3.3.1 of the Purchasing Policy to allow for the purchase of twelve (12) CSO flow meters from Liston Utility Services, Stoneham, MA, at a total price of \$39,159.

VOTE: 5-0

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

VOTED:

(112-2008) To ratify Change Order #1 on the Cure-In-Place Pipe Lining Project with Reynolds Inliner to provide for the lining of 250 feet of 8" sewer on Gloria Avenue at a total cost of \$11,500.

VOTE: 5-0

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

VOTED:

(113-2008) To authorize Change Order #5 on the CSO Storage Facility Project with Sargent Corporation to provide for the replacement of impellers and volutes on both pumps at the Water Street Pump Station to a different grinder type at a total cost of \$4,635.24..

VOTE: 5-0

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

VOTED:

(114-2008) To award Bid LA 2008-005 on joint agencies Road Salt bid to Morton Salt Company who's warehouse is in South Portland, Maine, low bidder at their bid price of \$73.43 per ton.

VOTE: 5-0

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

VOTED:

(115-2008) To award Bid LA 2008-006 on four (4) Police Cruisers to Auburn Motor Sales, Auburn, Maine, low bidder meeting specifications at their bid price of \$92,117.28 and to approve the allowance for trade ins of \$12,400 for a net bid price of \$79,717.28.

VOTE: 5-0

The Committee reviewed the tabulation on Gasoline & Diesel fuel bids which were submitted by four (4) companies. The bid prices received provided quoted posted price on a given day and also the freight cost and mark up on a per unit basis that would be fixed during the term of the contract. The posted price would be subject to market fluctuation. The low bidder on the fixed prices for freight cost and mark up was C N Brown who bid a price of \$ 0.049 per gallon on freight and \$0.01 per gallon on mark up.

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

VOTED:

(1162008) To award Bid LA 2008-007 on the annual requirements of Gasoline and Diesel Fuels to C N Brown, South Paris, Maine, low bidder on their price on freight cost and mark up for both Gasoline and Diesel fuel.

VOTE: 5-0

VOTED:

To adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Richard T. Metivier
Clerk
Finance Committee