

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## LEWISTON, MAINE

Minutes of  
April 23, 2007

**PRESENT:** Chairman Roger Provencher, Councilor Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien, Ronald Paradis and Robert Reed.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Mark Paradis

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by the Chairman Roger Provencher.

On motion of Mr. Reed , seconded by Mr. Ron Paradis it was

**VOTED:**

**(31-2007)** To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated April 9, 2007 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

**VOTE: 3-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(32-2007)** To award Bid LA 2007-002 on Utility Trench Restoration work to T W Paving, Lewiston, Maine, low bidder on a per square yard basis with a total estimated value of \$34,000.

**VOTE: 3-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(33-2007)** To award Bid LA 2007-001 on Water Treatment Chemicals for the Water Division to the low bidder meeting specifications on an item by item basis as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Chlorine	J C I Jones Chemicals	\$49,400.00
2	Flurosilicic	Monson Chemical	19,025.10
5	Sodium Hypocchlorite		8,137.50
3	Caustic Soda	Univar USA	26,403.00
6	Aqueous Ammonia	Harcross	10,608.00
		<b>Total Award Estimate</b>	<b>\$113,573.60</b>

**VOTE: 3-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(34-2007)** To award Bid 2007-014 on the City’s requirement for Shade Trees to the low bidder meeting specifications on an item by item basis as follows:

<u>Vendors</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Skillin’s Greenhouse	13, 16, 30, 32 & 33	\$2,377
Gammon Landscaping	4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 27, 29, 35 & 37	4,616
Roaring Brook Nurseries	1, 2, 3 ,6, 7, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 31, 36 &38	<u>19,730</u>
	<b>Total Estimated Award</b>	<b>\$26,723</b>

**VOTE: 3-0**

Councilor O’Brien arrived at this time.

Discussion ensued on the recommendation for award of the bid on the City’s requirement for Bituminous Pavement. The Bituminous Pavement would be purchased from the vendor and picked up by Public Works crews at the bidder’s plant. The two companies submitting proposals were RC & Sons Paving with a plant location on Hotel Road in Auburn and Pike Industries with their plant location on River Road in Lewiston.

Although R C & Sons Paving submitted a lower price proposal based on previous analysis made by the Public Works Department, they have had difficulty in complying with the City’s requirements of specifications on the product to be applied. It was recommended that the bid be awarded to Pike Industries and that, upon further request by R C & Sons Paving, Public Works Department can review their ability to meet the City’s specifications for future purchases.

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

**VOTED:**

**(35-2007)** To award Bid 2007-020 on the season’s requirements of Bituminous Pavement to be applied by Public Works crews to Pike Industries, low bidder meeting specifications at their bid price of \$46/ton on Item 1, \$48.50/ton on Items 2, 3, 4 & 5 and \$60.50/ton on Item 6.

**VOTE: 4-0**

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At this time, the Purchasing Agent recommended that the Committee consider a Waiver of Competition to allow the Police Department to purchase Taser Technology. Deputy Chief Michael Bussiere explained that Taser Technology is a proprietary product to the Taser Corporation and purchase of this technology can only be made from the company or authorized area distributor with prices being the same whether purchased through the company or their distributor.

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Reed it was

**VOTED:**

**(36-2007)** To authorize a Waiver of Competition pursuant to Section 3.3.1 of the Purchasing Policy for the purchase of Taser Technology to include twenty-one (21) weapons with audio/video capabilities and associated accessories at a total estimated cost of \$39,000.

**VOTE: 4-0**

The Finance Director reviewed the Proposed Budget recommended by the City Administrator and School Committee which was presently under consideration by the City Council. A specific review of the impact of the School Budget because of the minimum local property tax funding requirement was shared with the Committee. It was pointed out that the School Committee has agreed to assume cost in the amount of \$170,400 which were previously funded through the City budget in order to help meet minimum local tax effort requirements. In addition, the School Committee has also agreed to transfer \$253,000 of prior years surplus to the City to be utilized to reduce property taxes. After a brief discussion and with concurrence among Committee members, it was agreed that the Committee Chairman and Finance Director would put forth a recommendation to be forwarded to the City Council which would be ratified by the Committee at the next regular meeting.

**VOTED:**

To adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

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Richard T. Metivier  
Clerk  
Finance Committee