

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## LEWISTON, MAINE

October 11, 2004

**PRESENT:**

Roger Provencher, Robert Stone, Ronald Paradis, Councilor Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien and Councilor Mark Paradis.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Roger Provencher.

On motion of Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Mark Paradis it was

**VOTED:**

**(135-2004)** To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated September 27, 2004 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

**VOTE: 5-0**

The Committee considered award of the annual bid on Snow Plowing & Removal Equipment Rental for the Public Works Department winter operations. David Jones, Public Service Director, explained the process for selecting and awarding contractors work for various City owned properties throughout the City. Award is based on the low bidder on an item by item basis taking into consideration equipment availability and proper sizing of equipment for the various municipal locations.

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

**VOTED:**

**(136-2004)** To award Bid 2004-067 on Snow Plowing and Removal Equipment Rental to the low bidder on an item by item basis taking into consideration equipment availability for the various municipal sites.

**VOTE: 5-0**

The Committee considered Change Order #9 on the Library Expansion Project with Ganneston Construction Company. The six (6) items on the Change Order would result in a net reduction in the project cost of \$42,332. The elimination of exterior and interior stone flooring on the first floor would result in a reduction of \$85,250 which would be offset by the other items which were additional costs.

Library Director Rick Speer provided an update on funding resources for the project. He indicated that a \$100,000 grant had been received from the Maine State Library and an additional grant would be received in the amount of \$31,000 for audio/visual system in the Performance Hall. The overall equipment budget for the new addition is estimated at \$210,000 and \$150,000 would be required in order to open the facility and be adequately equipped. After questions by Committee members, the following action was taken.

On motion of Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Mark Paradis it was

**VOTED:**

**(137-2004)** To approve Change Order #9 on the Library Expansion Project with Ganneston Construction Company as follows:

- 1. Furnish & install steel strapping to reinforce the cornice along Pine Street . . . . . \$450.00
- 2. Re-point, rebuild & furnish & install reinforcement details on Pine Street wall . . 22,647.00
- 3. Complete additional work on the roof . . . . . 0.00
- 4. Eliminate exterior & interior stone flooring on first floor . . . . . (82,250.00)
- 5. Remove loose bricks, install #3 rebar & grout 11 line wall . . . . . 14,946.00
- 6. Increase amount of parapet wall height . . . . . 4,875.00

**Total Change Order #9 . . . . . (\$42,332.00)**

**VOTE: 5-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(138-2004)** To approve Change Order #2 with Gendron & Gendron on the Maple & Lisbon Street Parking Lot Project to construct a turn around at a total cost of \$3,700.

**VOTE: 5-0**

Mike Paradis, City Building Engineer, explained Change Order #13 on the Park Street Parking Garage. The Change Order which is a credit of \$10,000 to the construction budget for the parking facility would allow for two (2) years of maintenance painting services by a local painting contractor at an estimated cost of \$5,000 per year.

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

**VOTED:**

**(139-2004)** To authorize Change Order #13 with Granger Northern on the Park Street Parking Garage for future maintenance painting resulting in a credit of \$10,000.

**VOTE: 5-0**

The Committee reviewed a report from City Engineer, Rick Burnham, explaining the rationale for relocating new light pole bases on the Lisbon Street Sidewalk Project which was approved by the Finance Committee as part of Change Order #3 at the previous meeting. The explanation for the change in pole locations was that the original placement by the Public Works staff resulted in one of the pole bases being hit by a tractor trailer making a right hand turn at the intersection resulted in the relocation of the pole bases to try to avoid any future accidents of similar types in the future. The pole relocation was not caused by the design architect and therefore he should have no responsibility for the additional cost.

On motion of Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Mark Paradis it was

**VOTED:**

**(140-2004)** To accept and place on file the communication from City Engineer Rick Burnham dated October 5, 2004.

**VOTE: 5-0**

It was recommended that the award of Bid 2004-057 on the Pond Road and Pleasant Street Resurfacing Project be tabled again because the Maine Department of Transportation has not given the approval on the recommended award at this time.

On motion of Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. O'Brien it was

**VOTED:**

**(141-2004)** To table of Bid 2004-057 on Pond Road and Pleasant Street Resurfacing Project until the next regular meeting.

**VOTE: 5-0**

The Committee reviewed information provided by the Purchasing Agent relative to a Waiver of Competition on revaluation of the City's real estate properties which had been tabled at the previous meeting. The additional analysis which was performed by the Purchasing Agent indicated that the other company which would have the capabilities of doing the revaluation, Vision Technology, had

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indicated that they would not bid on the project with the City utilizing the software from Cole Layer Trumble. As long as Cole Layer Trumble continues as the City's software supplier, no other companies are capable of bidding on any revaluation of the City's properties unless their software were to be installed for use in the City of Lewiston.

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

**VOTED:**

**(142-2004)** Pursuant to Section 3.3.1 of the Purchasing Policy, to authorize a Waiver of Competition on revaluation of the City's real estate properties and to authorize the Purchasing Agent to negotiate a contract with Cole Layer Trumble in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

**VOTE: 5-0**

**VOTED:**

To adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

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Richard T. Metivier  
Clerk  
Finance Committee