

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **LEWISTON, MAINE**

**April 11, 2005**

**PRESENT:**

Ronald Paradis, Roger Provencher, Robert Reed and Councilor Mark Paradis. Councilor Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien arrived at 5:23.

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

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

**VOTED:**

**(33-2005)** To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated March 28, 2005 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

**VOTE: 4-0**

St. Laurent & Son Excavation was the only bidder on Bid 2005-010 the Gully Brook Sewer Separation Contract (4B). The total bid price for the project is \$1,283,476.25. David Jones and Norman Beauparlant both indicated that the prices on the project were 10% higher than the prices on Contract 4A opened several weeks ago. One of the reasons given for the lack of bidder interest is the amount of construction work that is ongoing or committed in the local area. The reason that the prices submitted by St. Laurent were 10% greater than the previous contract was due to the time frame for completion which requires St. Laurent to perform a lot of the work by using overtime hours as well as require them to rent additional equipment in order to complete the job in a timely fashion. The reason for requiring the project to be completed during this construction season was due to the fact that the Environmental Protection Agency is requiring the City to catch up on its Master Plan time frame to complete the Combined Sewer Overflow projects. After a brief discussion and questions by the Finance Committee members, the following action was taken.

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

**VOTED:**

**(34-2005)** To award Bid 2005-010 on the Gully Brook Sewer Separation Contract Project (4B) to St. Laurent & Son, Lewiston, Maine, only bidder at their total estimated contract \$1,283,476.25.

**VOTE: 5-0**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**April 11, 2005**

The Committee considered award of Bid 2005-011 on the Franklin Pasture Bike Path and Adams Avenue Sidewalk Project. This project which is 80% funded by the Maine Department of Transportation requires their approval prior to the City awarding the contract. It was recommended that the Finance Committee, subject to approval of the Maine Department of Transportation award the contract to the low bidder, Gendron & Gendron, at their base bid price of \$343,856.

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

**VOTED:**

**(35-2005)** To concur with the recommendation to award the contract on Bid 2005-011 on the Franklin Pasture Bike Path and Adams Avenue Sidewalk Project to the low bidder Gendron & Gendron, Lewiston, Maine, at their bid price of \$343,856, subject to approval by the Maine Department of Transportation..

**VOTE: 5-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(36-2005)** To authorize Task Order #4601 on professional testing services for the Mill #7 parking deck with Summit Geoengineering Services at a fee not to exceed \$8,000.

**VOTE: 5-0**

The Committee discussed setting a date on the review of the fiscal year 2006 Budget and determined that would take place at the next scheduled meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

It was requested that two (2) Committee members volunteer to serve on a Selection Review Committee for Financial Audit Services. Chairman Provencher indicated that he would have an interest however, he is on vacation the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to defer the interviews until the week of April 25<sup>th</sup> and Chairman Provencher and Ronald Paradis volunteered to serve on the Selection Review Committee and Robert Reed indicated that he could serve as a backup if one of the other two members was unable to attend.

**VOTED:**

To adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

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Richard T. Metivier  
Clerk  
Finance Committee