

FINANCE COMMITTEE

LEWISTON, MAINE

May 23, 2005

PRESENT:

Roger Provencher, Robert Reed, Councilor Mark Paradis and Ronald Paradis.

ABSENT: Councilor Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien.

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

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

VOTED:

(56-2005) To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated May 9, 2005 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk.

VOTE: 4-0

The Committee considered award of the bid on Hot Plant Mixed Bituminous Pavement, to be applied by the contractor, during the upcoming construction season. The overall low bidder on the project, based on the estimated quantities that the City intends to use during the construction season, was Blue Rock Industries, Westbrook, ME, at a total estimated price of \$1,113,289.25. The second low bidder, Pike Industries of Lewiston, had a total estimated contract price of \$1,116,406.

Councilor Mark Paradis raised the issue of preference to local contractors which there are no provisions for in the current Purchasing Policy. Mr. Paradis wanted to point out that in this particular situation where the difference in price was only a few thousand dollars on a million dollar project, that provisions within the policy should allow for the City to award these contracts to the local vendor. The Public Services Director and Purchasing Agent both indicated that either of the companies could perform the work required in an acceptable manner and there was no reason to award it to other than the low bidder based on the City's current Purchasing Policy.

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

VOTED:

(57-2005) To award Bid 2005-027 on the season's requirement of Hot Plant Mixed Bituminous Pavement to Blue Rock Industries, Westbrook, Maine, low bidder at their total estimated contract price of \$1,113,289.25.

VOTE: 3-0-1

Councilor Mark Paradis opposed

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

VOTED:

(58-2005) To award Bid 2005-008 on the Scribner Blvd Water Main Replacement Project to C H Stevenson, Wayne, Maine, low bidder at their total bid price of \$393,300.

VOTE: 4-0

The City considered award of the bid on a portable air compressor for the Public Works Department. The bid specifications called for a unit with a minimum horsepower rating of 60 HP. The low bidder met the minimum specifications on the horsepower rating as well as providing a one (1) year warranty. The second low bidder, Eagle Rental did not meet specifications on the horsepower rating. The third low bidder Nations Rent, had a horsepower rating of 78 HP and also provided a three (3) year warranty with unlimited hours. Because of the difference of \$535 in purchase price between the third low and low bidder, it was recommended to award the contract to the third low bidder Nations Rent in order to take advantage of the extended warranty.

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

VOTED:

(59-2005) To award Bid 2005-028 on a Portable Air Compressor for the Public Works Department to Nations Rent, Scarborough, ME, at their bid price of \$11,320.

VOTE: 4-0

At this time, the Finance Committee considered Change Order #4 to the contract with Gendron & Gendron on the Ferry Road & Lisbon Street Utility Project. Excavation in the area of Commercial Street by the contractor has uncovered drain pipes in the area of a manhole that are completely rotted and cannot be repaired. A constant flow of groundwater through the pipes makes the replacement necessary. The cost of the Change Order to install 190 feet of dual 24 inch storm drain pipe and a manhole structure to replace the existing drain pipes and install one hydrant has a total cost of \$24,694.85.

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

VOTED:

(60-2005) To authorize Change Order #4 to the contract with Gendron & Gendron on the Ferry Road and Lisbon Street Utility Project to allow for the installation of 190 feet of dual 24 inch storm drain pipe and a manhole structure along with a hydrant at a total cost of \$24,694.85.

VOTE: 4-0

VOTED:

To adjourn at 5:28 p.m.

Richard T. Metivier
Clerk
Finance Committee