

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **LEWISTON, MAINE**

**July 10, 2006**

**PRESENT:**

Councilor Mark Paradis, Robert Reed, Ronald Paradis and Councilor Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien.

**ABSENT:** Chairman Roger Provencher

Meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. by the Clerk.

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

**VOTED:**

**(61-2006)** To elect Ron Paradis Temporary Chairperson for this meeting.

**VOTE: 4-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(62-2006)** To dispense with reading of the minutes of the previous meeting dated June 19, 2006 and to accept and place them on file as submitted by the Clerk

**VOTE: 3-0-1**

**Mr. Reed Abstained**

The Committee considered award of bid proposals on the Upper A Hydro Gate Replacement Project which had been previously rejected due to lack of available funds in August of 2005. Each of the three contractors who submitted original bids were asked to re-price the project based on the same specifications and current pricing. The low proposal was submitted by Bancroft Contracting Corp. at a price of \$241,500.

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

**VOTED:**

**(63-2006)** To award the bid on Upper A Hydro Gate Replacement Project to Bancroft Contracting Corp., South Paris, Maine, low bidder at their total bid price of \$241,500.

**VOTE: 4-0**

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Proposals were solicited from a number of area consultants to do an assessment of potential sites within the City that would qualify under the EPA Brownsfield Assessment Program. The Selection Review Committee selected Summit Environmental Consultants of Lewiston as the most qualified firm and who also had the lowest pricing proposal of the top three firms.

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

**VOTED:**

**(64-2006)** To award RFP 2006-030 on the Brownsfield Assessment Program to Summit Environmental Consultants, Lewiston, Maine, and to authorize the Finance Department to negotiate a contract at a fee not to exceed \$155,000.

**VOTE: 4-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(65-2006)** To ratify Change Order #3 to the contract with H E Callahan on the Mill 7 Parking Deck at the Bates Mill Complex to provide for the installation of a time clock as well as additional paving at a total cost of \$3,496.

**VOTE: 4-0**

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

**VOTED:**

**(66-2006)** To authorize a Cost of Living Adjustment in the amount of 3.75% to all Pensioners and/or their beneficiaries under the old City Pension Plan and that the increase be retroactive to July 1, 2006.

**VOTE: 4-0**

At this time, the Committee reviewed the Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2007 which the City Council recently authorized to be funded through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. At the City Council meeting, Councilors had suggested that the package that they were approving be forwarded to the Finance Committee for their review.

Mr. Reed indicated that he understood the need and importance of many of the projects which were approved however, he also indicated concern on the tripling of the City's debt over the past seven years. The Finance Director explained to the Committee that there were many various sources of

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funding for these bond issue projects and certain projects such as CSO's and Safe Drinking Water Act were federal mandates that the City must comply with. After a brief discussion on some of the projects and the impact, the Finance Director suggested that in the future, prior to bringing bond packages to the City Council for approval, they would be brought to the Finance Committee for their comment and recommendation.

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

**VOTED:**

**(67-2006)** To accept and place on file the report on Bond Issue Projects authorized by the City Council for fiscal year 2007.

**VOTE: 4-0**

**VOTED:**

To adjourn at 5:52 p.m.

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Richard Metivier  
Clerk  
Finance Committee