

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Lewiston, ME
Minutes of
April 13, 2020

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the State of Maine Legislature passed emergency legislation allowing for conducting of virtual public meetings during the period covered under the order.

The recorded meeting was conducted remotely via ZOOM and members participated electronically. The secretary took audio attendance, read the motion and second into the record and took roll call votes.

PRESENT: Councilor Safiya Khalid, Councilor Lee Clement, Denis Theriault, and Roger Philippon

ABSENT: Renee Bernier

OTHERS PRESENT: Purchasing Agent, Allen Ward, Finance Director, Heather Hunter, IT Manager, Craig Starr, Fire Chief, Brian Stockdale, Public Works Director, Dale Doughty, Michael Marcotte, and Justin Hibbard and Jeff Barber of Great Falls Construction

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Chairman

On motion of Mr. Philippon, seconded by Councilor Clement it was

VOTED:

(026-2020) To approve the minutes of the previous, meeting dated March 30, 2020 and to accept and place them on file by the Clerk as amended to include the COVID19 pandemic reasoning for the virtual meeting.

VOTE: 4-0

The Chair called a special meeting of the Finance Committee for Monday, April 27 at 5:30pm to all the Finance Director time to make FY21 budget adjustment recommendations to the City Council. This information will be shared with the committee for their recommendation to Council on the FY21 budget.

On recommendation of the Asst. Finance Director and on a motion of Mr. Philippon, seconded by Councilor Clement it was

VOTED:

(027-2020) To suspend the Finance Committee rule requiring two (2) competitive bids for any contract in excess of \$100,000 for consideration of the Hawkeye Connections bid for the Dark Fiber Optic Backbone Project being in the City's best interest.

VOTE: 4-0

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On recommendation of the Asst. Finance Director and on motion of Councilor Clement, seconded by Mr. Philippon, it was

VOTED:

(028-2020) To award bid 2020-007 for the City’s Dark Fiber Optic Backbone project to Hawkeye Connections, Poland, ME at their bid price of \$242,714.50.

VOTE: 4-0

On recommendation of the Asst. Finance Director and on motion of Councilor Clement, seconded by Mr. Philippon, it was

VOTED:

(029-2020) To award bid 2020-002 for the construction of 55 N. Temple Fire Substation to Great Falls Construction, Gorham, ME at their bid price of \$3,573,720.

The Chair expressed dissatisfaction for the metal roof alternate bid item. He recommended awarding just the base bid until consideration for the alternate bid items to include the metal roof be made with a change order at a future meeting to not delay the project. Mr. Philippon asked that the minutes reflect the committee’s dissatisfaction.

VOTE: 4-0

On recommendation of the Asst. Finance Director and on motion of Mr. Philippon, seconded by, Councilor Clement it was

VOTED:

(030-2020) To authorize the Task Order with Gorrill Palmer to complete the design services or the MEDOT Main St Paving project in an amount not to exceed \$99,500, the City’s portion being \$9,950.

VOTE: 4-0

On a motion made by Councilor Khalid, and seconded by Councilor Clement it was

VOTED:

To adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Allen Ward
Clerk
Finance Committee