

**CITY OF RUTLAND VERMONT**  
**Board of Finance Minutes**  
**Monday July 8, 2024**

**Members Present:** Mayor Doenges, President Talbott, Treasurer Markowski

**Others Present:** Purchaser Magro, Commissioner Protivansky, Tom Garofano (DPW), Tyler Dahlin (REC), Ryan Brady (RCPD) & Susan Clark (Clerk).

Mayor Doenges called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 3:02PM.

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Doenges asked if there were any additions or deletions to the minutes. Tyler Dahlin asked to add “purchase of a grading bucket for a backhoe”. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING; 6/24/2024**

Mayor Doenges asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. President Talbott so moved. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**BID OPENINGS**

**DPW;**

*Water Leak Noise Correlator:*

Purchaser Magro stated three bids were received. Treasurer Markowski opened and read the following bids:

- Core & Main; \$29,813.65 for the 4-sensor and \$22,981.37 for the 2-sensor
- McKim & Creed Engineers & Planners; \$20,500.00
- Eastcom Associates, Inc.; \$27,550.00

President Talbott made a motion to refer the bids to DPW for review. All were in favor and the motion passed.

*Subsurface Water Leak Detector Ground MIC:*

Purchaser Magro stated two bids were received. Treasurer Markowski opened and read the following bids:

- Core & Main; \$5,275.60 for a LD 18 Detector & \$3,652.00 for a LD 15 Detector
- McKim & Creed Engineers & Planners; \$6,612.00 total cost
- Eastcom Associates, Inc.; \$5,695.25 total cost

President Talbott made a motion to refer the bids to DPW for review. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**REC;**

*Precast Concrete Outlet Control Structure w/Low-Rise Cast-Iron Beehive Grate*

Purchaser Magro stated one bid was received. Treasurer Markowski opened and read the following bid:

- Weed Precast; \$2,366.20

Tyler Dahlin stated he would like to award Weed Precast for \$2,366.20. President Talbott so moved. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **BID AWARDS**

### **DPW:**

#### **Aluminate**

Commissioner Protivansky stated the low bid was from Holland Company in the amount of \$4.87/gallon and said he would like the bid to be awarded to Holland Company. Mayor Doenges made a motion to award Aluminate to Holland Company in the amount of \$4.87/gallon. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **Hypochlorite**

Commissioner Protivansky stated Surpass Chemical Company was the low bidder at \$2.142/gallon. Mayor Doenges made a motion to award Surpass Chemical Company for Hypochlorite in the amount of \$2.142/gallon. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **Bisulfite**

Commissioner Protivansky recommended Holland Company for \$1.81/gallon. Mayor Doenges made a motion to award Holland Company for Bisulfite in the amount of \$1.81/gallon. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **Polymer**

Commissioner Protivansky recommended Slack Chemical Company for \$2.479/gallon, which was not the low bidder. Mayor Doenges made a motion to award Slack Chemical Company for Polymer at \$2.479/gallon. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **Police Department:**

#### **Uniforms**

Ryan Brady recommended awarding Ben's Uniforms, which is \$15.00 cheaper than the current vendor and the total bid amount was \$27,541.61. Mayor Doenges made a motion to award Uniform Services to Ben's Uniforms for the Police Department. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **SOLE SOURCE; DPW**

#### **Engineering Services - Fire Foam Remediation**

Commissioner Protivansky stated he would like to Sole Source KAS Engineering. Tom Garafano stated the State of Vermont recommended getting a consultant that is familiar with remediation practices and Commissioner Protivansky stated KAS has done work for the City and for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Mayor Doenges made a motion to award KAS for Fire Form Remediation Services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Treasurer Markowski stated she spoke with Fire Chief Lovett and stated she created a separate line in General Government. Tom Garofano stated he sends bills directly to Chief Lovett. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **PURCHASES; Police Department**

#### **Less Lethal Equipment**

Ryan Brady stated the Police Department is looking to purchase two 48mm Projectile, which can shoot gas/foam, and explained situations where this would have come in handy. Mr. Brady stated the cost is \$3,658.00 to come from Equipment & Machinery, the vendor is CMC Government Supply. President Talbott questioned going out to bid if the amount is over \$3,000.00. Treasurer Markowski agreed and stated Mr. Brady go out for bid for this item.

### Ballistic Vest/Carrier

Ryan Brady stated they are currently using Galls to purchase ballistic panels and external carriers and said he has been having terrible customer service issues. Mr. Brady stated he went to an expo and spoke with Point Blank, a supplier of the items, and they suggested a company out of Massachusetts called Blue Tactical LLC. Mr. Brady stated he does not have a specific dollar amount he is looking to spend, but is looking for permission to use the other company instead of Galls. Mr. Brady stated the Police Department gets 50% back from the Feds for ballistic panels; the ballistic panels from Blue Tactical are \$752.00 and the external carriers are \$289.95. Mr. Brady stated Galls charges \$700.00 for the panels and \$330.00 for the external carriers. Mr. Brady said he is needing to order 5 to 6 sets. Treasurer Markowski stated she felt this should go out to bid because the City will get reimbursed and it is a federal award (grant) and it should be documented to get pricing. After discussion, Mayor Doenges recommended this item go out to bid and report back in two weeks.

### **ADDITION TO THE AGENDA; REC**

#### Grade Finish Bucket

Tyler Dahlin stated with the upcoming project at Godnick Adult Center (rain garden), the Rec Department does not have an excavator and is currently using a back hoe and said he is looking to purchase a 36" finishing bucket. Mr. Dahlin stated he received a price from Winmill on Park Street and was told there are 3 options; high end bucket (over \$3,000.00), medium mid-grade (\$2,735.00) and lower end bucket (just over \$2,000.00). Mr. Dahlin spoke with DPW to see if he could swap and use one of their buckets but the pins didn't match and said the hope is to purchase the bucket and to use funds from the Equipment Replacement Fund, which has just shy of \$83,000.00 with the reimbursement from the van that was totaled. Mr. Dahlin said the numbers were quoted on June 4<sup>th</sup> (quotes are only good for 30-60 days). After discussion, Mayor Doenges made a motion to approve the purchase of the grading bucket from Winmill Equipment Company in an amount not to exceed \$2,999.99 from the Equipment Replacement Fund. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Treasurer Markowski circled back and asked if the Precast Concrete Outlet Control Structure was covered by a grant for the Godnick Center Project. Mr. Dahlin said it is by the Ursa Grant and after discussion, Mayor Doenges adjourned the meeting at 3:29PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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