

Finance Committee Meeting May 20, 2013

The **Finance Committee** met Monday, May 20, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Chairperson Mark Ahner and Committee Members John Uden, Bill Melnik and Roxanna Brush.

Also present were Mayor C. A. Grenz, Public Utilities Director Al Kelm, Historic Preservation Officer Connie Muggli, City Planner Dianna Broadie, Shop Mechanic Scott Ask, Shop Foreman Dan Decker and Deputy City Clerk/Recorder Connie Watts.

Street Sweeping/Cleaning Agreement with MDOT

Chairperson Ahner presented the FY 2013-2014 Sweeping Agreement with the State of Montana Department of Transportation.

****** After discussion, *Committee Member Uden moved to recommend approval of the Sweeping Agreement, as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Melnik and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Proposed Historic Preservation Fee Schedule for Provided Services

Preservation Officer Muggli said that fund raising is an ineligible activity under the State Historical Preservation Grant, and they have been providing the bulk of the operating monies for quite some time. A fee schedule, therefore, would generate additional revenue for the Preservation Society. These fees would not be mandatory to the public, as they are fees for services desired but not required. A copy of the proposed fee schedule is attached to these minutes. After additional discussion,

****** *Committee Member Uden moved to recommend approval of the proposed fee schedule, seconded by Committee Member Ahner and passed unanimously 4-0.*

Review of Bids for Hydraulic Excavator

Three bids were submitted for the Excavator, as set out in the attached chart. Director Kelm said that, bottom line, the Excavator actually came in under budget by \$70,755.

****** *Committee Member Brush moved to recommend accepting the bid of RDO Equipment for the John Deere 210GLC in the amount of \$214,800, with a trade-in value of \$120,000, for a net price of \$94,800. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Melnik and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Review of Bids for 4-Wheel Drive, Extendable Stick, Backhoe and Loader

Three bids were submitted for the Backhoe, as set out in the attached chart.

- ** After discussion, *Councilperson Brush moved to recommend accepting the bid of Tractor & Equipment Company for the CAT 420F in the amount of \$101,645, with a trade-in value of \$44,000, for a new purchase price of \$57,645. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Melnik and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Discuss Asbestos Remediation of Old FWP Building

Director Kelm had Bruce Ingraham, Ingraham Environmental, looked at the Fish, Wildlife and Park building with regards to leasing it to another party. Mr. Ingraham said he felt there was a liability issue because of the asbestos. He felt it needed a \$3000 study to determine what type asbestos was there and to come up with a plan to remove it. Mr. Ingraham said he thought an asbestos report had been completed by a prior inspector, and it should be here somewhere at City Hall. No copy of the report has been found by FWP, the previous inspector, or the EPA. No matter what it is being used for, however, the asbestos would have to be removed from the building.

Historic Preservation Officer Muggli said she would check to see if there may be funds available through a grant to clean up the asbestos.

Review Ordinance #1252 – Amendments to Miles City’s Zoning Ordinance

Chairperson Ahner noted that this Zoning Ordinance comes to the Committee from the Council on first reading.

City Planner Broadie said the Ordinance actually needs many revisions, of which this one will be the first stage. The others will be presented to the Council at later dates. She noted this revision broadens the definition of “historic district” to include areas like the Convent.

Regulations shall be made in accordance with the City's growth policy. They are trying to make the Ordinance more City specific. After additional discussion,

- ** *Committee Member Ahner moved to recommend Ordinance #1252 be adopted, seconded by Committee Member Uden and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Request of Citizens

None

Adjournment

Having no more business to come before the Committee,

* * *Committee Member Brush moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Melnik. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Chairperson Mark Ahner


Deputy City Clerk Connie Watts