

## **Finance Committee Meeting September 22, 2015**

The Finance Committee met Wednesday, September 22, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee Chairperson Susanne Galbraith and Committee Members Dwayne Andrews and John Hollowell.

Also present were Public Works Director Scott Gray, Grant Writer/City Planner in Training Dawn Colton and Committee Recorder/City Clerk Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

**1. Request of Citizens:**

-None.

**2. Discussion and recommendation on quotes to purchase pickup to replace Public Works van for Engineering & Operations**

Director Gray said that the purchase of the pickup was approved in his budget for \$40,000. He received three bids:

- Notbohm- A 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD for an amount of \$35,480.00
- Deluxe Motors- A 2015 Ram 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 for an amount of \$31,861
- Mac's Frontierland- A 2015 F-150 4x4 Supercrew for an amount of \$34,581

He felt the specifications were comparable, but only the Chevy and Dodge would fit into The City's garage. He recommended to the Committee to purchase the Dodge Ram.

**\*\*** *Committee Member Andrews moved to approve the purchase of the Dodge Ram for an amount of \$31,861. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Galbraith. The motion passed 3-0*

**3. Discussion and recommendation on quotes to purchase tractor with tiller attachment for Parks Department**

Director Gray said that the purchase of the tractor was approved in his budget for \$20,000. He asked for three bids, and received two, one from Horizon Implement/John Deere for an amount of \$14,273.00 and one from Bobcat/Kioti for an amount of \$12,500. He did not receive a third bid from Kubota. Although the John Deere was higher, he felt the motor was better and would last more years than the Kioti, so he recommended to the Committee to purchase the John Deere.

**\*\*** *Committee Member Hollowell moved to approve the purchase of the John Deere tractor for an amount of \$14,273. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Andrews. The motion passed 3-0*

4. **Discussion and recommendation on quotes to purchase mower with bagger attachment for Parks Department**

Director Gray said that the purchase of the mower with bagger attachment was approved in his budget for \$20,000. He received three bids:

- Horizon Implement/John Deere for an amount of \$13,425.05
- Bobcat/Gravely for an amount of \$17,998.00
- Midland Implement/Toro for an amount of \$19,892

He explained that the Gravely brand and the Toro were diesel and the John Deere was gas. He recommended to the Committee to purchase the John Deere.

\*\* *Committee Member Hollowell moved to approve the purchase of the John Deere mower with bagger attachment for an amount of \$13,425.05, seconded by Chairperson Andrews. The motion passed 3-0*

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 3854: A Resolution Approving A Short Form Of Agreement Between Owner And Engineer For Professional Services Between The City Of Miles City, Montana, And Interstate Engineering, Inc., For Development Of The Miles City Long Range Transportation Plan**

Grant Writer Colton explained that the traffic study was approved in the budget for an amount of \$150,000. She added that Montana Department of Transportation will pay 80% of the study and she had applied for a \$20,000 grant from CDBG.

Committee Member Andrews asked if the City was committed to the whole \$122,000. Grant Writer Colton said yes.

Mayor Grenz asked why now, and will the traffic study get us more grants.

Grant Writer Colton explained that if the City completes the study, it will help with getting more grants by showing a commitment to the project. She said the study will cover traffic on Haynes Avenue, Horizon Parkway and Highway 59, and these roads were never studied by the State.

\*\* *Committee Member Hollowell moved to recommend to Council to approve the Resolution, seconded by Chairperson Galbraith. The motion passed 3-0*

6. **Adjournment**

\*\* *Committee Member Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Chairperson Galbraith and passed unanimously, 3-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson

  
Lorrie Pearce  
Recorder/City Clerk