

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 24, 2009
Chairman Steve Lee
Vice-Chairman Charles Julien

Members: Hasten Lewis, Danny Millet, Charles Julien, Jaclyn Hotard, Darnel Usury, Ronnie Smith, Cheryl Millet, Dale Wolfe, Steve Lee

PRESENT: Danny Millet, Steve Lee, Cheryl Millet, Jaclyn Hotard, Haston Lewis, Darnel C. Usry

ABSENT: Ronnie Smith, Charles Julien and Dale Wolfe

BID OPENING REPORT/AWARDS:

Bid Award - Ruddock Water Station No. 3 lift station

C. J. Savoie, Parish Engineer, stated, "As you all remember at the last meeting we had received the bids for the lift station that goes to the NANO filtration system. It is something that is very neat. I know a lot of people have questions. I know Mrs. Millet said at the last council meeting that she had a problem with adding anything to the lift station. The problem with that is that we need this lift station because every time that we do a cleaning on this system which you are going to have continuous cleanings on this system. You are going to be bringing in transport trucks to transport this stuff out and bring it to the treatment plant and that is very costly. The lift station will pay for itself in a very short period of time. So it is a very needed item and we need it now because it also inhibits the cleaning a bit because they have to wait every time until the trucks fill up. They haul the trucks out and then stop the cleaning and then commence with the cleaning again. So it is presenting a problem with the continuous cleaning of this system. So it is a two-fold reason that we really need this lift station at this point. We had an estimate of \$150,000.00. Lawson-Bonet Construction came in at \$133,866.00. There were twelve bidders on the project. So the bid came in at a good price. I am asking you all to please consider this and approve this bid."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I am just going to reiterate what I said at the last meeting. I have a problem spending anymore money until we are sure that this system is in place and operational. I am just going to have to vote against it."

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to accept the bid from Lawson-Bonet Construction in the amount of \$133,866.00 for the Ruddock Water Station No. 3 lift station. The motion passed 5 yeas (Lewis, Millet, Lee, Hotard, Usry), 1 against (Cheryl Millet) and 3 absent (Wolfe, Julien, Smith).

Buddy Boe - Authorization to go out for RFP's for engineering services in connection with CIAP Reserve Relief Canal

Buddy Boe, Acting Chief Administrative Assistant, stated, "I will speak on both this item and the next one. This item is related to the Reserve Relief Canal and the next one is related to a shoreline protection project in Lac Des Allemands. St. John Parish was awarded right under six million dollars in CIAP funding. CIAP funding is costal improvement

assistance program funding from the state. These RFP's are a requirement of the funding, that we go out for RFP's to acquire an engineer that will carry the application through, manage the project, manage the construction and close the projects out. So this item and the next will allow us to go out for RFP's which are the requirement of the state so that we can get an engineer to move both of these projects forward. They both consist of shoreline work, installing riprap for several thousand feet at both the Reserve Relief Canal and Lac Des Allemands to prevent further shoreline erosion."

Councilman Lewis asked, "Are we voting on both of these at the same time?"

Councilman Lee stated, "According to this we are looking at two separate motions. So we will take them separately."

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to go out for RFP's for engineering services in connection with CIAP Reserve Relief Canal. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith, Julien & Wolfe absent.

Buddy Boe - Authorization to go out for RFP's for Engineering services in connection with CIAP Lac Des Allemands

Please see above.

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to go out for RFP's for engineering services in connection with CIAP Lac Des Allemands. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith, Wolfe & Julien absent.

Any and all other financial concerns

There were no other financial concerns at this time.

Adjournment

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith, Wolfe & Julien absent.