

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Lewiston, ME
Minutes of
July 13, 2026

PRESENT: Chairman Chittim, Councilor Nagine, Mr. Bouh, Ms. McCabe, and Ms. Hoskins

ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Director of Budget and Purchasing, Allen Ward, City Engineer, Jeff Beaulé, Highway Operations Manager, Reggie Poussard, Lead Program Manager, Mansour El-Alwi, Sargent, Joey Brown and Lieutenant, James Theiss

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

On Motion of Councilor Nagine, seconded by Mr. Bouh, it was,

VOTED:

(091-2026) To approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated June 15, 2026, and to accept and place them on file by the Clerk.

VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Councilor Nagine, seconded by Mr. Bouh, it was,

VOTED:

(092-2026) To award bid MEDOT-01 for the 2026-2027 winter road salt bid to Eastern Salt Company at their bid price of \$84.90/ton for Lewiston.

VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Mr. Bouh, seconded by Councilor Nagine, it was,

VOTED:

(093-2026) To authorize a Waiver of Competition to accept Eaton Corporation's \$325,236 proposal to replace the streetlight switchgear.

VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Mr. Bouh, seconded by Councilor Nagine, it was,

VOTED:

(094-2026) To ratify the committee's approved action to formally reject and rebid 2026-021 for the Lead Abatement 128 Oxford Street.

VOTE: 4-1
Councilor Nagine

Councilor Nagine requested this vote be recorded as such for the record to memorialize his not being in favor of rejecting and rebidding the project.

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On Motion of Councilor Nagine, seconded by Mr. Bouh, it was,

VOTED:

(095-2026) To award bid 2026-005 for the lead abatement of 30 Howard St. to Region 1 Construction, Auburn, ME, at their bid price of \$145,190, including the \$9,000 owner match.

VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Mr. Bouh, seconded by Councilor Nagine, it was,

VOTED:

(096-2026) To approve bid 2026-004 for the Lead Abatement of 32 and 32.5 Bartlett Street, change orders #1 and #2 for the additional \$28,995 in materials and labor costs being added to the project (\$4,735 CO1 and \$24,260 CO2) scope of the contract with RC Group, for a revised contract amount of \$87,295.

VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Councilor Nagine, seconded by Mr. Bouh, it was,

VOTED:

(097-2026) To authorize the RW Gillespie Task Order for Simard Payne Park geotechnical evaluation services for an amount not to exceed \$41,300.

VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Mr. Bouh, seconded by Councilor Nagine, it was,

VOTED:

(098-2026) To award bid 2026-027 for the replacement of various guardrails and fences to Premier Fence, Middleborough, MA, for an estimated bid amount of \$97,413, based on the itemized bid costs using estimated quantities prepared by the Paving Manager.

VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Mr. Bouh, seconded by Councilor Nagine, it was,

VOTED:

(099-2026) To authorize a Waiver of Competition for the purchase of sixty-four (64) units as detailed above from MHQ/McGovern Auto for the Police Department at a cost of \$4,270,889.60 net of the \$53,250 trade offer.

VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Mr. Bouh, seconded by Councilor Nagine, it was,

VOTED:

(100-2026) To authorize a Waiver of Competition for the purchase of sixty-three (63) in-car VM7000 Kenwood radios from Dirigo Wireless, Inc. for the Police Department at a cost of \$489,089.16.

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VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Mr. Bouh, seconded by Councilor Nagine, it was,

VOTED:

(101-2026) To authorize a Waiver of Competition for the purchase of forty (40) in-car Fleet 3 Advanced car camera systems from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Police Department at their quoted price of \$565,440.00.

VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Mr. Bouh, seconded by Councilor Nagine, it was,

VOTED:

(102-2026) To authorize a Waiver of Competition for the lettering of forty-three (43) Police units with Mad Monkey at their quoted price of \$1,050 per unit or \$45,150.

VOTE: 4-1
Mr. Bouh opposed

On Motion of Mr. Bouh, seconded by Councilor Nagine, it was,

VOTED:

(103-2026) To authorize a Waiver of Competition for the purchase of seventy-one (71) Police rifles from First Due Firearms at their quoted price of \$200,000, net of fifteen traded-in rifles.

VOTE: 5-0

On Motion of Councilor Nagine, seconded by Mr. Bouh, it was,

VOTED:

(104-2026) To approve bid 2026-008 EV Chargers change order #1 for \$23,600 to swap the four (4) ChargePoint chargers to model CP6621B-80A-L5.5 to meet BABA/FHWAY compliant and CFI requirements in the scope of the project with Maine Solar Solutions, for a revised bid amount of \$68,600, Lewiston's portion being \$13,720.

VOTE: 5-0

On motion of Ms. Hoskins, seconded by Mr. Bouh,

VOTED:

To adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Allen Ward
Clerk
Finance Committee