Roll Call

Chairman, Mark Holden
Judson Crawford
Faith Hack, Board of A&T (departs 7:15 p.m.)
Gene Sullivan, Purchasing Agent

Bruce Kosowsky, Board of Fire Commissioners

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

This special meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on May 13, 2010 by Chairperson Mark Holden. All those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Minutes for Approval for Regular Meeting of April 22, 2010


Agenda Add-Ons

JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO ADD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE AGENDA UNDER OLD BUSINESS:

- AWARD BID #30-60 CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE FOR BOE

- REJECT AWARD BID #30-63 CITY PAVEMENT & REHABILITATION PROJECT
  (Per recommendation of City Engineer)

- RE-AWARD BID #30-63 CITY PAVEMENT & REHABILITATION PROJECT

AND TO MAKE AGENDA CHANGE UNDER NEW BUSINESS:
POSTPONE OPEN BID #30-40 H S BOILER ROOM UPGRADES UNTIL 5/27/10
A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION PASSES (2-0).

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN BID #30-73 WESTERN 8’ PRO-SERIES SNOWPLOW (0 Bidders)

No bids.

OPEN BID #30-74 OVER THE RAIL MOWER FOR HIGHWAY DEPT. (3 bidders)

W.H. Rose of Columbia, CT submits a non-collusion affidavit and a bid of $88,699.

Acorn Thompson of Newington, CT submits a non-collusion affidavit and a bid of $88,835.

Tri-County Contractors of West Springfield, MA submits a non-collusion affidavit and a bid of $109,650.

JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO ACCEPT THE 3 BIDS RECEIVED FOR BID #30-74 OVER THE RAIL MOWER FOR HWY. DEPT AND TURN THEM OVER TO HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION PASSES (2-0).

OPEN BID #30-75 FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECTIVE CLOTHING (6 bidders)

Chairman Holden indicated that on this bid there are a number of components. He asked if he needs to read them all. Gene Sullivan responded no, there are too many to read. Chairman Holden commented that he was pleased to see that they have significant quantities including ones that would cover the recommendations of the Board of A&T for clothing purchases.

Chairman’s Note: Because there are numerous price categories in these bids, they are just going to announce it as “various prices.”

Shipman’s Fire Equipment Co., Inc of Waterford, CT submits a non-collusion affidavit and various prices for various different items.

Coastal Fire Systems of West Babylon, NY submits a non-collusion affidavit and various prices for various different items. Point of information: While there are various prices, they did submit a No Bid for the helmets and gloves with wristlets; however, they do have a bid for an optional glove which is a different glove.

Guard Line Fire & Safety of Elwood Park, NJ submits a non-collusion affidavit and various prices for various different items.

Gowans Knight Co. of Watertown, CT submits a non-collusion affidavit and various prices for various different items. They have also provided options and they've
organized their bid somewhat differently so that the pages with their bid prices are intermixed in with the specifications.

Firematic Supply Inc. of Rocky Hill, CT submits a non-collusion affidavit and various prices for various different items. They do not appear to have used the form to indicate whether the specific items comply so that will be more difficult for the Fire Department to figure out.

New England Fire Equipment of New Haven, CT submits a non-collusion affidavit and various prices for various different items. They have provided reasonable price reductions for increased quantities.

JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO ACCEPT THE 6 BIDS RECEIVED FOR BID #30-75 FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND TURN THEM OVER TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION PASSES (2-0)

Open Bid #30-76 Fire Department Pagers (5 bidders)

Industrial Communications of San Antonio, TX submits a non-collusion affidavit and various pricing. Basically, they are $380.84 on the low band with standard charger, dual frequency and $732.82 for the Model 1500.

For clarification, Chairman Holden asked Bruce Kosowsky, Fire Department, in the audience, if that would work with the current system and if it should work with the system that they hope to end up with. Comm. Kosowsky responded yes.

First Communications of Tallahassee, FL submits a non-collusion affidavit and various pricing. On the radio, they submit a bid of $1,069.96 and for the pager $379 (quantity 1-40); $369.96 (quantity 41-50).

WPCS International of Windsor, CT submits a non-collusion affidavit and various pricing.

Utility Communications Inc. of Hamden, submits a non-collusion affidavit and various pricing.

Northeastern Communications of Orange, CT submits a non-collusion affidavit and various pricing and various options.

JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO ACCEPT THE 5 BIDS FOR BID #30-76 FIRE DEPARTMENT PAGERS AND SUBMIT THEM TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENATION. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION PASSES (2-0).

OLD BUSINESS

AWARD BID #29-96 LONG HILL BASEBALL FIELD FENCING AND BACKSTOPS
City of Shelton
Board of Apportionment & Taxation
Finance Committee
May 13, 2010

Chairman Holden indicates that the recommendation is to award to Quality Fence in the amount $38,400. Bid specs met. Funds are approved and available for purchase.

JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO AWARD BID #29-96 LONG HILL BASEBALL FIELD FENCING AND BACKSTOPS TO QUALITY FENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $38,400. BID SPECS WERE MET. REFER TO BOA FOR BONDING. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION PASSES (2-0).

AWARD BID #30-66 PAVEMENT CRACK SEALING AND MICROSURFACING

Chairman Holden reads a letter of recommendation from City Engineer, Bob Kulacz who recommends the award be given to New York Bituminous Products Corp. They were the lowest bidder with specifications met with various unit prices.

PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ENGINEER, JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO AWARD BID #30-66 PAVEMENT CRACK SEALING AND MICROSURFACING BE AWARDED TO NEW YORK BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS CORP. FOR UNIT PRICING. FUNDS TO BE DETERMINED. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION PASSES (2-0).

AWARD BID #30-68 15% SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION FOR WPC

Chairman Holden indicates that the WPC recommendation is to award the bid to JCI Jones Chemicals Inc. They were the low bidder in the amount of 69¢/gallon.

PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WPC, JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO AWARD BID #30-68 15% SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SOLUTION FOR WPC TO JCI JONES CHEMICALS INC. LOW BIDDER (69¢/GALLON). FUNDS FROM ACCOUNT #220-4020-715-40-27. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION PASSES (2-0).

AWARD BID #30-70 NEW REAR ENTRY DOOR AT WHITE HILLS FIRE HOUSE

Chairman Holden indicates that the recommendation is to award the bid to Willco Sales and Services in the amount $3,879.00. They were not the low bidder but the lowest bidder meeting the specifications.

Judson Crawford questions if the other bidder, General Construction Co., who submitted a lower bid of $2500.00 had bid on all the specified items – he asked if they bid on everything.

Chairman Holden responded that he does not know what the discrepancy was. He asked Gene Sullivan for clarification. Gene indicated that General Construction Co. was missing their non-collusion affidavit and was disqualified.

JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO AWARD BID #30-70 NEW REAR ENTRY DOOR AT WHITE HILLS FIRE HOUSE TO WILLCO SALES & SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF 3,879.00. FUNDS TO COME FROM GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT #001-4800-716.65-09. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION PASSES (2-0).
AWARD BID #30-71 NEW REAR ENTRY DOOR AT SHELTON SENIOR CENTER KITCHEN AREA

Chairman Holden reiterates that for this bid also, Willco Sales & Services met all specs but was not the lowest bidder. The lowest bidder, General Construction Company was disqualified due to not submitting a non-collusion affidavit with their bid.

JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO AWARD BID #30-71 NEW REAR ENTRY DOOR AT SHELTON SENIOR CENTER KITCHEN AREA TO WILLCO SALES & SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,471.00. FUNDS TO COME FROM GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT #001-4800-716.65-08. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION PASSES (2-0).

AWARD BID #30-60 CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE FOR BOE

Chairman Holden indicates that the recommendation of the Board of Education is to award the contract to Benman Industries. They are the low bidder for the majority of the supplies requested in the bid. He indicated that they’ve marked off individual items where other companies do have lower prices, but he guesses that they decided to go with whoever had the best deal overall instead of splitting it all up.

Judson Crawford reviews the bid material and questions why they did not go with the low bidder of this one and does that mean that they are not going to be getting that specific product or are they discontinuing that one.

Chairman Holden responded that he thinks that they are going with the company that had the lowest price on the majority of items as opposed to splitting the contract. That was something where there were probably 100 or more items.

Judson responded yes, it was.

Chairman Holden responded that rather than dealing with four different suppliers or possibly more, they are looking to award the contract for all items to the company with the best price overall.

Judson questions if they are going to split the cost, what would the difference in the overall price be.

Chairman Holden responded that he does not know. They’ve gone with the one supplier who gives them the best overall price.

Judson commented that normally they don’t go along with something like this.

Chairman Holden responded that if he’d like, they can postpone action on it until they consult with the BOE to find out.

Judson asked if there was a necessity to have this awarded this evening. It probably won’t go into effect until the next school year.
Gene Sullivan responded probably not, but he’s sure that the need to purchase items. Some of the differences are pennies. However, one other item is about a $550 difference and another one is about $900.

Chairman Holden noted that some of them don’t amount to much but some others, one or two specifically, are significant.

Judson recommends that they consult with the Board of Education to get a clarification of why they made this decision before going ahead with awarding this bid.

**JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO TABLE AWARD BID #30-60 CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE FOR BOE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON 5/27/10. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION PASSES (2-0).**

**REJECT AWARD BID #30-63 CITY PAVEMENT & REHABILITATION PROJECT**  
(Per recommendation of City Engineer)

**RE-AWARD BID #30-63 CITY PAVEMENT & REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Chairman Holden indicates that the next item is a two-parter. He received a letter from the City Engineer requesting that they rescind the April 22, 2010 Award of Bid #30-63 to Cocchiola Paving due to a legal challenge and re-award the bid as a split bid with part going to Cocchiola Paving Inc. for all full depth reclamation paving work and to Complete Construction for all milling and paving work. The reason for this shared award of bid was the settlement negotiated by the Corporation Counsel. Both contractors have agreed to this settlement and all legal challenges of the April 22nd action have been withdrawn. With this stipulated agreement, the City will be getting the lowest price contractor per each pavement rehabilitation option chosen per particular road.

Chairman Holden summarized that essentially it works out that on the Booth Hill Road Reclamation, Cochiolla Paving was $319,201.20; Complete Construction was $326,642.50. On the Longfellow Road Reclamation which is the mill and pave, Cochiolla Paving was $394,785.75; Complete Construction was a little higher at $397,850. So, in effect, by doing this, the City gets the best deal on both things. Just as a reminder, there was concern that Complete Construction did not have, to the best of their knowledge, experience at full depth reclamation work and there was concern about that. This way everyone is well qualified for the work that they are doing and they get the best price.

Judson Crawford stated that is why he said at their meeting that night, even though the Chairman was speaking to the Mayor, it still did not give a complete reason as to why they should have gone with the company that was specified by the City Engineer.

Chairman Holden responded that this actually does kind of address that because essentially the concern that Complete Construction had not shown evidence of full reclamation experience and obviously the fact they were higher there bares that out.
Judson commented that he agrees now that he sees it in black and white and reasoning has been given for this, and personally to prevent the City of Shelton from having to go through a legal confrontation, he makes a motion.

**PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ENGINEER, JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO RESCIND THE AWARD BID #30-63 CITY WIDE PAVEMENT & REHABILITATION PROJECT FROM APRIL 22, 2010. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION Passes (2-0).**

**JUDSON CRAWFORD MOTIONS TO RE-AWARD BID #30-63 CITY WIDE PAVEMENT & REHABILITATION PROJECT IN TWO PARTS. AWARD TO COCHIOLLA PAVING TO PERFORM FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION PAVING WORK AND AWARD TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION TO PERFORM MILLING AND PAVING WORK. ALL PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO THIS STIPULATION AND IT WILL BE AWARDED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ENGINEER. A VOICE VOTE IS TAKEN. MOTION Passes (2-0).**

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Mark Holden stated to adjourn the meeting due to no further business on the agenda at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karin C. Tuke*
Clerk, Board of Apportionment and Taxation
Tape (1) on File with the City Town Clerk’s Office