

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 23, 2014 @ 5:30 pm

Council Members: Nealley, Civiello, Durgin, Blanchette, Sprague, Baldacci, Graham, Gallant

Staff Members: Cyr, Fogler, Hathaway, Canders

Others:

1. Bids/Purchasing

a. Custodial Services Contract Amendment

Finance Director Deb Cyr stated that the City currently has a service contract with River City Cleaning for the Airport and City Hall. Health and Community Services has been using HealthCare Services Group for custodial services. They are the maintenance group that takes care of Bangor Nursing and Rehab's maintenance needs. Health and Community Services shares a building with Bangor Nursing and Rehab which is why we utilized the same firm for our custodial needs for that department. The last few years we have seen the quality of services decline and cost rise. Cyr met with River City Cleaning to discuss if they could also service Health & Community Services along with City Hall and the Airport. Their proposal was to service the departments 24 hours a week instead of their usual 20 hours per week and the cost will go up \$1,700 a year which shows a better rate and it is in the City's best interest to combine contracts. Staff recommendation is to amend River City Cleaning's contract to include servicing Health & Community Services.

Councilor Durgin moved, Councilor Nealley seconded, so approved.

b. Cellular Service – Police Department

Finance Director Cyr explained that our current service provider is US Cellular. Most of the 18 cell phones are the old flip version being used by investigators and administrators. Some have data abilities. Verizon has a program package for law enforcement (other area departments are currently using this program) that will provide data phones, a pooling of text and data minutes, no contract, the change out of equipment every 10 months and will cost \$70 less than what we are currently paying. We will no longer have to purchase voice recorders or cameras for field work because these abilities are built into the cell phones. If we make this switch by the end of June, Verizon will give us a \$2,000 credit to buy all our initial equipment. We did go back to US Cellular to see if they could offer anything comparable, but they could not.

US Cellular was chosen in the past because we piggy backed on the State Contract because US Cellular had better service coverage at that time. Verizon now has the same service coverage as US Cellular does.

Councilor Nealley moved, Councilor Durgin seconded, so approved.

Adjourned at 5:37pm.