

ANSONIA RECREATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting

June 8, 2009

Present: Al Smith, Chairman
Jamie Puro
Lynda Williams

Absent: Linda Darling
Tom Lynch
Steve Kichar
Sean Rowley

Others Present: Joseph Miller, Jr., Comptroller
Tim O'Reilly

The Special Meeting of the Ansonia Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairman Smith.

All present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll.

There was no quorum present.

The secretary stated that Steve Kichar called to advise her that he would not be at the meeting this evening because his team was playing in the semifinals game in West Haven.

There was discussion on the Recreation Commission sponsoring the American Legion team with a stipend of \$315 for insurance.

Mr. Coppola said that last year the Commission paid the bills for the umpires and purchased the baseballs for the American Legion team. He said that in the past the Commission has given this group funds but last year the commission stated that it would be the last year the City would give the American Legion team funding.

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The members present all agreed with Mr. Coppola with regard to funding the American Legion Team the \$315 for insurance.

Mr. Coppola said that these are 19 year old kids that play in this league. He said he could take the money out of the Babe Ruth line item but he would need the commission to agree to this and take a vote that he could use that money for American Legion. He said he just can't take the money from Babe Ruth without authorization.

The members present discussed the bids received from Clean Gear and Stadium Systems. They compared the costs for reconditioning and equipment and uniforms. Mr. Coppola said that there is not much difference in the cost between the two bidders.

Ms. Williams asked if the bids could be totaled up for each vendor. One total cost for everything.

Chairman Smith said that the Commission should get a good summary on each vendor so they can see what is what.

Mr. Miller said there are a few issues that have to be addressed that are of a legal nature. They are: Could you award a contract tomorrow night if you don't have the funds in the line item yet. Do you have to wait until the new budget year to award the funds.

Mr. Coppola said that price is not the issue here – they are very close. It is a matter of who they want – who will give good service.

The members discussed the prices on some of the items in the spec sheet and the bid sheet.

There was a question as to whether or not Mr. Coppola could contact each bidder and ask them to give us a total for the entire package.

Mr. O'Reilly is concerned that this bid will not be awarded in time to get the equipment serviced.

Discussion.

Mr. Miller suggested that Mr. Coppola discuss this with Mr. Blake.

Mr. O'Reilly said that Clean Gear representative lives in Oxford and is readily available to help and get equipment to them. He said that he and his group were very satisfied with Clean Gear last year and last year they saved approximately \$5000. He said but at this point in time he doesn't care who is awarded the bid – just get it done so the equipment is back in time for the season.

Discussion on the price differences between Clean Gear and Stadium Systems – one is cheaper on one item while the other is cheaper on another item – it all evens out.

Ms. Williams asked why the football program changed to Clean Gear from Stadium Systems last year.

Mr. Coppola said that it was the cost savings.

The following are questions for Mr. Blake that should be answered.

1. Specifications are specific – can we accept the bid if there are substitutions.
2. Can we call them and ask for a total bid package
3. Does the Board of Aldermen have to vote to award this contract
4. Time frame for awarding the bid

Mr. Keith Maynard came into the meeting at this time.

There was a brief discussion with Mr. Maynard on the bids received and that the commission doesn't have a quorum to vote.

Mr. O'Reilly said this should have been done months ago and we would not be in such a rush to get it awarded.

There was discussion on the Recreation Commission holding another Special Meeting to discuss and recommend the vendor for the football bid. Mr. Maynard suggested if the Recreation Commission holds a Special Meeting maybe the Aldermen can hold one also to award the bid so that the football equipment can be sent out.

Mr. Puro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Mrs. Williams seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary