

**RECORD OF EMERGENCY MEETING
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: AUGUST 22, 2014

TIME: 8:00 AM

PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: BLANCHETTE, CROSTHWAITE, FORTIER,
MOORE AND PHILLIPS.**

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: BEATHEM AND PERKINS

**KEY SPEAKERS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER MICHELLE BEAL, DANIEL
HIGGINS AND JAY BROWN.**

Call to Order.

Chairman Phillips called the emergency meeting of the Ellsworth City Council to order at 8:00 a.m.

*Council Order #081416, Request of the City Manager to rescind the award of bid for bleachers at Del Luce Stadium within Council Order #071408 to O'Brien & Sons at a cost of \$91,909. (July 21, 2014 Regular Council meeting). *The bleachers specified in the original bid do not physically fit on the site.*

Chairman Phillips explained that a more detailed explanation would be provided as part of Council Order #081417 this morning; however, the overall issue is the bleachers that were bid on will not physically fit on the site.

On a motion by Crosthwaite, seconded by Fortier, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081416, rescind the award of bid for bleachers at Del Luce Stadium within Council Order #071408 to O'Brien & Sons at a cost of \$91,909.

Council Order #081417, Request of the City Manager to award a bid for the purchase of spectator bleachers at Del Luce Stadium.

Superintendent Daniel Higgins explained after the bid was awarded to the low bidder as stated in Council Order #081416, they conducted a final walk through of the site and determined a light pole was located 1-2 feet into the area where the bleachers would be located. The bleachers will not physically fit with the light pole; if the pole could be removed the bleachers would fit perfectly. Higgins explained the process that was utilized to request new proposals from the low bidder as well as the other company that bid on the bleacher project. The original company revised their proposal to a 600 seating capacity set of bleachers. This option was not acceptable given the set of bleachers that were removed had an 800 seating capacity and typically there are events held at this location that have filled to capacity those bleachers. The other company provided a new proposal on a set of bleachers that can be notched out to accommodate the light pole. The bid on the new set of bleachers would remain at the same price as originally bid. Higgins estimated the necessary ground work to install this set of bleachers would cost

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Approved - Council Order #081416, rescind the award of bid for bleachers at Del Luce Stadium within Council Order #071408 to O'Brien & Sons at a cost of \$91,909.

Approved - Council Order #081417, the bid of Robert H. Lord Company for bleacher seating at the track and soccer field complex in the amount of \$94,600.

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approximately \$300. O'Brien & Sons revised their secondary bid to a set of bleachers that could seat 715 people; however, additional groundwork including concrete work would be required. A price for this additional groundwork was not provided by the Company, the School Department would need to gather quotes on the additional work. Higgins provided the reasons for recommending the higher bid this morning. Those reasons include the timeline on the project, if they have to obtain quotes on the concrete work it will extend the completion time as well as the additional cost is unknown. Based on the seating capacity being 715 when they desired an 800 capacity would not be worth the time it would take to gather quotes on the additional concrete work. Regardless of which set of bleachers are installed they will not be installed in time for the start of the fall sports season. There was a discussion on whether the pole could be moved. See attachment #1 for a packet of quotes and diagram of the area. The notch in the bleachers will take out 4 or 5 seats and will not obscure the vision for any spectators. The seating will still remain at 815 with 10 additional handicap accessible seats. The low bid was in the amount of \$82,000 plus an additional \$4,000 to \$5,000 for the required concrete work with the loss of 100 seats. The recommended bid is in the amount of \$94,600 plus \$300 for the required groundwork to place the bleachers resulting in a final cost of \$94,900. A local contractor would perform this work. The Robert H. Lord Company quoted the bleacher system that has an 815 seating capacity with 10 additional handicap accessible seats. O'Brien & Sons quoted the bleacher system that will have a seating capacity of 715 plus an additional 7 handicap accessible seats. Both systems calculate the seating on an 18" width. There was a lengthy discussion on the cost factors related to the seating capacity lost or gained with the two systems. The unknown cost factor for the additional concrete work was discussed. Councilor Fortier was very supportive of the larger seating capacity unit because it was one of the original goals of replacing the bleacher system in an effort to attract some larger sporting events. Chairman Phillips felt once the requirements within the specifications were met the cost for the additional work would be closer to \$10,000-\$15,000. Phillips questioned the language within the Robert H. Lord bid that stated bleachers would be delivered within six weeks and asked for clarification on whether that meant installed or just pieces dropped off. Higgins explained this company would really like to complete this project and has placed some projects on hold until a decision is made on this proposal. The company has given Higgins an estimate of 3 to 4 weeks for installed bleachers. Councilor Blanchette inquired if leveling the surface would disrupt the fill that was brought in years ago to construct that site. The stability should not be jeopardized by the minimal leveling of the area that was disturbed by the removal of the old bleacher system.

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On a motion by Fortier, seconded by Moore, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081417, the bid of Robert H. Lord Company for bleacher seating at the track and soccer field complex in the amount of \$94,600.

Adjournment.

On a motion by Fortier, seconded by Crosthwaite, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve adjournment at 8:18 AM.

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**ATTEST: _____
HEIDI-NOËL GRINDLE**

**Approved -
Adjournment at 8:18
AM.**