

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

Present: Mayor Allaire, President Davis, Treasurer Markowski, Purchasing Agent Magro, Sam Delph, Health Office Brookman, and Building Inspector Pelletier. Chief Kilcullen arrived at 3:05pm.

Mayor Allaire called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

President Davis made a motion to approve the Board of Finance minutes from October 23, 2019. Motion passed.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:**

Mayor Allaire requested the discussion of 63 Forest Street be added to the agenda. Motion passed.

**BID OPENINGS:**

PD:

Police Vehicles

Two bids were received and opened. Mayor Allaire made a motion to refer to Chief Kilcullen. Motion passed.

GG:

Weatherization Project

Two bids were received and opened. Mayor Allaire made a motion to refer to Building Inspector Pelletier and Efficiency Vermont. Motion passed.

Chief Kilcullen arrived and asked that a sole source purchase from Yak Responds be added to the agenda. Mayor Allaire made a motion to add the item to the agenda. Motion passed.

**SOLE SOURCE:**

Yak

Chief Kilcullen requested a sole source purchase in the amount of \$3,060.00 to Yak Responds for the ability for officers to communicate with the public by text. Chief Kilcullen explained this was a tool to enhance customer service to the public. President Davis made a motion to approve the purchase. Motion passed.

GG:

63 Forest Street

Mayor Allaire presented the Board with three quotes from local contractors for the removal and disposal of 63 Forest Street. Mayor Allaire stated the building burned years ago and nothing has been done to secure it. Building Inspector Pelletier would like to see the building taken down as it is a safety hazard. Mayor Allaire proposed the City incur the expenses of the demolition with the money to be expensed to contingency fund and then try to get reimbursement from property owner.

Treasurer Markowski raised concerns as the property owner has delinquent taxes in excess of \$20,000.00 and has not made any effort to pay. Treasurer Markowski understands the seriousness of the problem but asked Inspector Pelletier how many blighted properties are currently in Rutland City. He stated there are

48. Treasurer Markowski stated she would like to see the properties prioritized as to which ones are of most concern. Treasurer Markowski stated a property on Gay Street was overrun with rats due to a garbage issue and that also poses a public safety health risk. Treasurer Markowski stated the City does not have a process for this issue and does not want to set a precedent.

President Davis asked that City Attorney Bloomer make contact with the property owner.

Mayor Allaire made a motion to table the issue to continue to find a viable option.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sara P. Magro  
Assistant Clerk