

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING of October 14, 1998, with Mayor Buck Trott and Commissioners H. N. James, Mike McCall, and Amy Patterson present.

Also present were Richard Betz, Lamar Nix, Erma Harwood, and Kim LeWicki.

I. Mayor Trott called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m., and stated that the purpose of the meeting was (1) to hold a hearing on a request from Ronnie Ledford Utilities, pursuant to G. S. §143-129.1, to withdraw a bid on the Main Street Sewer Project received on October 7, 1998, and (2) to award a contract on said project.

II. Business.

1. The Board had considered the bids received for the Main Street Sewer Project on 2:00 p.m. on October 7 at their regular meeting of the same date at 7:00 p.m. The bids had been as follows:

- Ronnie Ledford Utilities.....\$499,852
- Hobson Construction Co. Inc.....580,023
- Stillwell Enterprises Inc.....690,522

Because it had been discovered in tabulating the bids that the low bid from Ronnie Ledford Utilities had included a cost on Pay Item No. 20, brick sidewalks, which was over \$120,000 lower than the other two bids, the Clerk had contacted the bidder and brought it to his attention. A written request had subsequently been received by facsimile copy dated October 9, 1998, requesting that the bid be withdrawn "due to an unintentional and substantial arithmetic error," and the Mayor had called a Special Meeting to conduct this hearing.

Ms. Erma Harwood, Assistant to Ronnie Ledford, was present; she submitted a sworn affidavit explaining that "an unintentional but substantial arithmetic error" had been made while computing the pay item, and confirming that the bidder wished to withdraw the bid on that basis.

MOVED BY COMM. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. MCCALL, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO GRANT THE REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF BID FROM RONNIE LEDFORD UTILITIES.

2. Each Board member was provided with a letter from Town Engineer Lamar Nix dated October 12, 1998, recommending that the Board award the bid to the next lowest bidder, Hobson Construction Company Inc.

MOVED BY COMM. JAMES, SECONDED BY COMM. PATTERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO AWARD THE BID ON THE MAIN STREET SEWER PROJECT TO HOBSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC.

III. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by the Mayor at 12:18 p.m.

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Richard Betz, Town Clerk