

**MINUTES**  
**Ferndale City Council Special Meeting**  
**Held Monday, May 24, 2004**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**5:00 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Councilmember Steve Oliver  
Councilmember Marianne Elgart  
Councilmember Susan Cole  
Councilmember Ron Wilson

**STAFF:** Public Works Director Bob Cecile City Clerk Linda Knutson

**Mayor Jerry Landcastle Presiding**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Landcastle called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.**

**TOSCO FIELD HOUSE BID UPDATE**

Mayor Landcastle and Public Works Director Cecile updated the Council on the Tosco Field House Bid opening, which had taken place the previous Friday. While the engineers' estimate was between \$180,000 to \$200,000, the low bid came in at \$273,400. Several factors were evident in the higher than anticipated bid submittals. Material costs have risen up to 30-40% in the past three months, and additional fill and excavation were added to the specs, after soils testing. Finally, it was felt that an unfavorable bid climate was present due to the small number of bidders.

Administration recognized factors resulting in the high bids and felt that it would be worthwhile to check for any available funding to supplement the current budget. Noting that Council action is not need for 45 days from bid opening, this allows time to explore any possible funding options.

**CONSIDERATION OF BIOSOLIDS BID**

Public Works Director reviewed that one bid was received for biosolids removal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The company is Fire Mountain Farms Inc. of Cinebar, Washington who bid \$52,624.80 including tax. This amount is well below the engineers' estimate of \$65,000.

***It was moved by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Oliver to award the biosolids removal project to Fire Mountain Farms, Inc. at a bid of \$52,624.80. Motion passed unanimously.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further scheduled City business, the special meeting of the Council was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Jerry Landcastle, Mayor

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Linda Knutson, City Clerk