



crew to rescue someone when going into a fire. He stated that it is great that we use the standard for the equipment, but we also need to use it for our staffing. He stated that it all ties together, and the Town needs to look at it in totality.

**3. Award of contract for thirty-two (32) NFPA compliant self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units**

Mr. DeMoura stated that Mr. Cunnane described the product very well. The bid amount was \$245,206.40. This provides the Town with thirty-two (32) compliant cylinders. Mr. DeMoura asked the Committee for adoption and approval of this request.

Mr. Owens stated that he is concerned about the cost. Each item is about \$7,600.00-\$7,700.00. He stated that other packs cost much less than that, and we only have one vendor that we are looking at providing this product to the Town. Mr. Owens asked where we stand on product delivery from this vendor. He stated that he likes competition and needs feedback.

Mr. Griles stated that this is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant with a 90/10 split. The Town's share is a little over \$24,000.00. He stated that with the FEMA grant there are certain solicitation requirements. Staff followed those and, also sent it to disadvantage business enterprises which was required through the grant. The Town did solicit competition, but it only received the one Bid. Mr. Griles stated that this purchase includes the harness/backpack, face piece and two cylinders.

Mr. Owens stated that he was looking at tanks that ranged from \$895 to 2,500 with the harness, mask and tank. He stated there is no doubt we do not want to compromise quality. If we are within the guidance of the grant, he understands.

Ms. Landing stated that of the \$245,206.40, the Town is responsible for \$24,260.00 the rest is coming from the FEMA grant.

Mr. DeMoura replied that it was correct. FEMA is covering 90%.

*Mr. Santos made a motion to approve staff recommendation for Rhinehart Fire Services in the amount of \$245,206.40 to purchase 32 NFPA compliant SCBA units and accessories as described. Ms. Landing seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.*

**4. Award of contract for [pine straw and mulch maintenance services](#)**

Mr. Griles stated that the Town received bids from qualified contractors to provide the pine straw and mulch maintenance service at various locations and facilities within the Town. Staff received three bids with Lowcountry Mulch, Inc., being the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. They are the current contractor and they have successfully performed. Staff recommends contracting with Lowcountry Mulch, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$218,325.00 to provide pine straw and mulch maintenance services for the Town. The quantities may vary, which is the reason for this being a not to exceed amount.

Ms. Landing asked if Lowcountry Mulch is a local company.

Mr. Griles affirmed in the positive.

Mr. Owens asked if they are part of the local vendor partnership program.

Kathy Frame, Assistant Procurement Officer, stated that they do not qualify for the program. While they are in Mount Pleasant, their principal place of business is in Charleston.

*Ms. Landing made a motion to approve to award the contract for pine straw and mulch maintenance services to Lowcountry Mulch, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$218,325.00. Mr. Santos seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.*

**5. Adjourn**

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Artrip

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