

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, July 29, 2009 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana

Members Present: Ed Childers, Dick Haines, John Hendrickson, Bob Jaffe, Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Jason Wiener, Jon Wilkins

Members Not Present: Lynn Hellegaard, Renee Mitchell,

Other Present: Mark Muir, Mike Brady, Monte Sipe

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approve minutes from [July 15, 2009](#). Minutes approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC & STAFF COMMENT

1. Mark Muir talked about the funding that will be received for five (5) additional officers. He stated it will take approximately eight months to get the new officers fully trained and that will include the time spent at the academy.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Award the bid for Project 09-036, Missoula Police Department meeting room remodel ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Monte Sipe) (Referred to committee: 07/27/09) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

MOTION: The committee recommends the City Council award the bid for Project 09-036, Missoula Police Department Meeting Room Remodel to Sirius Construction, for the base bid amount of \$54,009 and 5% contingency of \$2,700, bid alternate #3 for a deduct amount of (\$3,040), bid alternate #4 in the amount of \$606 for the total contract award of \$54,275 and authorize return of bid bonds.

Mark Muir presented the committee with bid information for a remodel project of the City of Missoula Street Department's building located on Scott Street. This remodel is to use space previously being reserved for Parks Operation personnel who have not been able to make use of the space to date. Due to the lack of opportunity to build a new Police Headquarters, it is essential that some space be developed to reduce crowding at the City Hall site. This remodel, which will cost just over \$54,000, will provide a new briefing room and equipment storage for the Patrol Division and Special Teams. Officers will report to work and end their shift at this location. This location will also provide a place for police vehicles that are not in service. Lack of parking at City Hall has led to parking skirmishes and frustration for employees not having suitable parking for personal vehicles. Having the idle vehicles readily available for maintenance work at the Scott Street Maintenance Facility will also be a plus for the Police Department and the Vehicle Maintenance Division. All of the various aspects of this remodel and use of this facility will help to offset costs in other areas. It will improve the operational efficiency of the Police Department without eliminating officers' presence around City Hall because they will continue to do a significant portion of their duties at City Hall. This is just a location to handle one portion of their work. If the bid is awarded on the consent agenda, the project should be finished in approximately two to three months and the Scott Street Bridge Project should not have a negative impact on this change.

Dave Strohmaier asked what the time frame is for hopefully getting the project completed.

Bob Jaffe asked how frequently the police cars are shuttled from the department to the maintenance facility. He also asked how long this remodeled area would be used.

Mark Muir stated approximately 25 to 30 times a week cars are being moved for maintenance purposes. He stated this facility should be used for the next few years and that he hoped it would not be permanent.

Pam Walzer asked if the Scott Street construction will cause any problems.

Mark Muir stated that the Scott Street construction should not be an issue. The neighborhood has requested more presence in that area, so having the cars in that area should help.

John Hendrickson made the motion to award this bid and authorize the return of bid bonds.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM

V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Police Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mark Muir)
2. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mike Painter)
3. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Ellen Leahy)
4. An [ordinance](#) amending Chapter 10.42 of the Missoula Municipal Code entitled "Bicycles" that would require minors to wear headgear while bicycling on streets, roadways, sidewalks, alleys and trails; and holding responsible the parent or guardian of a minor found to be in violation of this ordinance. ([Alternative Ordinance](#)) ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 2/26/07)
5. Update on the Police facility project. ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Mark Muir)(Referred to committee: 05/12/08)
6. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 6.09 entitled "Missoula Cat Ordinance" section 6.09.010 through 6.09.090 to amend definitions, to limit the number of cats over the age of four months that a person, family, or household can harbor, keep, or maintain to five and to enact other general amendments. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
7. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Title 6 entitled "Animals" generally amending Chapter 6.04 entitled "Animals Running at Large" and Chapter 6.08 entitled "Dogs and Pet Shops," increasing the fee when an animal is impounded and establishing a fee for a boarding kennel license. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
8. Discussion on the MRL herbicide program within the city limits ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe)
9. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign towing contract for abandoned vehicles ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Greg Amundsen) (Referred to committee: 06/22/09)
10. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a towing contract ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Greg Amundsen) (Referred to committee: 06/22/09)

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM. Submitted by Leslie Willis.