

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, September 09, 2009 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana

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

Members Not Present: Lynn Hellegaard, Jon Wilkins

Other Present: Mike Painter, Cheryl Schatz, Jeff Logan, Jason Diehl

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approve minutes from [September 02, 2009](#). Minutes approved unanimously.
2. Remove items 7 and 8 from the Held and On-Going Agenda Items. Approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC & STAFF COMMENT

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM

1. (Suspend City Council rules) Authorize the Mayor to sign two contracts with Mountain Water for the installation of fire hydrants in the Franklin-to-Fort area at locations previously identified by the fire department ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Jason Diehl) (Referred to committee: 08/28/09) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

MOTION: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to enter into a preliminary agreement with the Mountain Water Company in the amount of \$23,200 and \$9,975 for the installation of three fire hydrants in the Frank-to-Fort Area.

Jason Diehl stated there are two preliminary contracts with Mountain Water for continuing our upgrade to the fire hydrant system in the Franklin-to-Fort Neighborhood. There are two contracts because two of the three hydrants are actually funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Because there are different requirements for the use of those funds, we felt it was better to do two separate agreements. One of the hydrants is at 7th and Johnson. That will be funded through our Capital Improvement Fund. The Block Grant hydrants are at Eaton and Sussex and Eaton and Strand.

Ed Childers made one motion to suspend the rules and authorize the Mayor to sign two contracts with Mountain Water for the aforesaid fire hydrants.

Bob Jaffe asked when we did the Block Grant, there was discussion as how many we could get; did we get an extra one or did they come in lower?

Jason Diehl we initially thought we could include three or four hydrants in that area. It turns out that only two were qualifying based on the threshold for the Block Grant qualifications. The two hydrants on Sussex Street are the only ones that were qualifying.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mike Painter) **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Mike Painter gave an [overview](#) of the Fire Department.

In our Operation Staffing, we have been responding out of all five stations that are staffed 24/7. Since last November, all of our station projects were completed.

Jason Diehl was successful in obtaining Assistance to Firefighter Grant. We have implemented the IFF and IFC Wellness Fitness Program for all Fire Department personnel. That involved an annual assessment at St. Pat's Occupational Health and an ongoing physical assessment by four certified physical trainers in our department.

In Maintenance Division, we have the City and Community approved some ongoing upgrade of our apparatus. A new Type 1 engine will be in service in the near future. The Maintenance Division, with the help of the Admin Staff, has done a very good job of upgrading our ability to track apparatus, equipment and facilities repair needs.

Bob Jaffe asked what happened with the sprinkler requirements.

Mike Painter stated it is currently in the process of having a hearing at the State level.

Jason Diehl stated the building officials and the state building code went to an International Code several years ago; so the building divisions and the fire departments were working out of the same set of books.

Chief Painter talked about the apparatus that should be replaced in the upcoming years.

Ed Childers asked how often the ladder truck is used and can the 100 foot ladder reach the top of Aber and Jesse Hall.

Chief Painter stated the ladder truck is dispatched to any structural fire. It also stores all the Fire Department's rescue gear. He stated they are in the process of becoming certified in all the technical rescue disciplines. The ladder cannot reach the top of the dormitories.

Renee Mitchell asked if an old building can be donated to the Fire Department for training.

Chief Painter stated the requirements for conducting a live-burn are fairly stringent so planning in advance is necessary, but the Fire Department appreciates the opportunity for the training.

John Hendrickson asked how the fuel mitigation efforts are going.

Jason Diehl stated crews were sent out last spring to assess properties in the Grant Creek and Rattlesnake areas. If they observed properties that appeared in need of an assessment, assistance or advice, the crews stopped and handed out the flyers.

V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Ellen Leahy)
2. 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)
3. Update on the Police facility project. ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Mark Muir)(Referred to committee: 05/12/08)
4. 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)
5. 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)

6. Discussion on the MRL herbicide program within the city limits ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Bob Jaffe)
7. Authorize acceptance of the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) award ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Mark Muir) (Referred to committee: 08/10/09)
8. An [emergency ordinance](#) and an [ordinance](#) adopting Missoula Municipal Code Title 9, Chapter 36 entitled Solicitation and Aggressive Solicitation as Acts of Disorderly Conduct, Sections 9.36.010, 9.36.020, 9.36.030, 9.36.040, 9.36.050, 9.36.060, 9.36.070, 9.36.080 and 9.36.090. ([memo](#)) ([Updated Memo](#)) ([PS&H](#)) (Referred to committee: 07/27/2009)
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V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM. Submitted by Leslie Willis.