

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, June 24July 8, 2009 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana

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

Members Not Present: Lynn Hellegaard, Dave Strohmaier, Jason Wiener, Jon Wilkins

Other Present: Mark Muir, Greg Amundsen

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approve minutes from [June 24, 2009](#). Minutes approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC & STAFF COMMENT

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign towing contract for abandoned vehicles ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Greg Amundsen) (Referred to committee: 06/22/09) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

MOTION: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Pro Towing for fiscal year 2010 and 2011 for abandoned vehicle towing in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 per year.

Mark Muir stated the overall satisfaction of the citizens has gone up dramatically since the police department began handling of the abandon vehicles. The request for bids was sent out this year, Pro Towing was the lowest bidder.

Bob Jaffe made the motion to approve this contract.

Ed Childers asked if anybody had complained about having their vehicle towed.

Greg Amundsen stated only one has complained. He stated that there had been some confusion when the vehicle was purchased, the title was never switched to the new owner, the notices were sent to the owner whose name was listed on the title, and when no response was received, the vehicle went to auction and was sold.

Pam Walzer asked for financial information about the Abandon Vehicle program.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a towing contract ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Greg Amundsen) (Referred to committee: 06/22/09) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

MOTION: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Iron Horse Towing for fiscal year 2010 and 2011 for towing of vehicles at the department's request in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 per year.

Mark Muir stated a request for bids was sent out, with Iron Horse having comparable prices and an adequate secure facility.

Bob Jaffe asked what the response fee is and what the difference is in the storage fee?

Mark Muir stated the storage fee is for a secured facility that allows for 24/7 access for the holding of cars as evidence. There is the situation that an incident occurs on Friday evening. We are not able to get the vehicle into a secure, long term storage unit until Monday morning.

At that time, the department will rent a low-cost, secure storage unit and have the vehicle being held for evidence moved to that storage unit at that time.

Greg Amundsen stated the response fee is if their services other than towing are needed; maybe just to bend a fender out but the vehicle is otherwise drivable to the city shop, we will be charged a response fee.

John Hendrickson made the motion to approve this contract.

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 8:55 AM. Submitted by Leslie Willis.