

DRAFT - Missoula City Council Administration and Finance Committee Minutes

**August 11, 2021
12:55 PM
ZOOM Webinar**

Members present: Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones (chair), Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: Stacie Anderson, Jesse Ramos, Sandra Vasecka

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2021 Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one attending for Public comment.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Street Lighting Improvement District Assessments for fiscal year 2022

Marty Rehbein - This is for the street lighting district. The City has had an informal policy that 10% of the lighting is paid for by Rural District #1. The other 90% is paid for by property holders. We are looking at 1.5% increase from Northwestern Energy this year. New LED fixtures have been installed by Northwestern Energy and there has been energy savings. There is some inconsistency in lighting in neighborhoods. We are asking to do a review at this district for improvements. Jeremy Keene from Public Works is here to discuss questions.

Julie Merritt - What was the difference in the cost using the LED bulbs?

Marty Rehbein - Throughout all the lighting districts in the City, was over \$50,000.

Julie Merritt - Do we know what percentage of lights got replaced?

Jeremy Keene - I don't have an exact percentage. They felt we would see about an \$80,000 saving. With them partially complete and at a \$50,000 savings, we are on track to that amount. The lights are also better quality.

Gwen Jones - Were there any certain areas of town where you found the gaps? Was there a pattern or just sporadic?

Jeremy Keene - Just sporadic. It is hard to explain why there are lights in some places and not in some places. I would look at higher level roads, intersections, etc. where there is not adequate lighting.

Gwen Jones - It makes a big difference, especially when walking in the winter dark.

Julie Merritt - I am happy to make the motion.

Bryan von Lossberg - Will we get a final report from Northwestern Energy with number of lights, etc.?

Jeremy - Yes, we should be able to get summary report.

Public Comment - Called for and there was none.

Vote taken.

This will be moved to the Consent agenda.

Moved by: Julie Merritt

Set a public hearing on August 23, 2021, on a resolution of the Missoula City Council levying and assessing a special assessment and tax on the lots, pieces and parcels of land situated within all special lighting districts of the City of Missoula, Montana, in the amount of \$368,471.00 to defray the cost of street lighting in special lighting districts during the fiscal year 2022.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Jesse Ramos, and Sandra Vasecka

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm