

Missoula City Council Public Safety and Health Committee Minutes

August 18, 2021

3:20 PM

ZOOM Webinar

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

Members absent: Jordan Hess, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Minutes of July 21, 2021 PSH meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Resolution of Intent to Sell Certain Surplus Property to the Stevensville Rural Fire District

Fire Chief Brad Davis presented a resolution to sell one of their fire engines to Stevensville Rural Fire District. Although three other offers were made, the Stevensville offer was the best.

Moved by: Julie Merritt

Approve a resolution of intent to sell one surplus 2002 Pierce Saber Type I fire engine to the Stevensville Rural Fire District

AYES: (8): Stacie Anderson, John Contos, Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): Jordan Hess, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.2 Quarterly report from representatives of the the Missoula County Community Justice Department

Director of the Community Justice Department, Shantelle Gaynor, introduced department staff and gave an overview of the department's organizational structure and their main objectives. She also gave an overview of department funding for FY22, which is primarily through grants. Ms. Gaynor then discussed the Crime Victim Advocate Program and presented statistics on the types of reported crimes they dealt with from January 1, 2021 and July 31, 2021, along with a breakdown of where the clients they serve live.

Justice Initiatives Manager Jenny Daniel reported on initiatives and cross collaboration. She reported that Detective Nate Greisse and Jacqueline Towarnicki, a nurse with First Step and Partnership Health Center, have trained 600 individuals on the importance of non-lethal strangulation. Also, Detective Greisse has worked to change policy and practices system-wide in regards to first responders. Ms. Daniel gave an example of a recent strangulation case in which the resources that the victim received saved her life.

Prevention Specialist Erica Ritsema presented on relationship violence prevention across the life-span. Her focus is on program growth and learning. Ms. Ritema discussed school-base work and community-based work. She is also working on a social and emotional learning website and working with local bars to train new staff.

Ms. Ritsema is preparing to launch a Youth Participatory Action Research project. This project will research the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on teenagers and give insight on how to support resiliency and wellness among youth.

Information only - no action required.

4. ADJOURNMENT

4:30pm