

Missoula City Council Parks and Conservation Committee Minutes

August 25, 2021

9:00 AM

ZOOM Webinar

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg

Members absent: Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill (chair), Heidi West

Others present: Staff Present: Corena Maurer, Jim Nugent, Dale Bickell, Leigh Ratterman

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from August 11, 2021

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

matz larsen - comment about the shooting - lack of transparency of evidence. 9th officer involved shooting since 2015. Body cams, wants city council to acknowledge problem.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Informational Item: Municipal Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report

Leigh Ratterman shared goals and targets for carbon neutral status.

Ms. Ratterman discussed how the city will work towards these goals.

Ms. Ratterman shared some bullet points from the 2021 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Climate Report.

Ms. Ratterman discussed the progress for carbon neutrality.

Ms. Anderson joined the meeting.

Ms. Ratterman shared how Missoula compares to other cities and where their emissions are coming from.

Mr. von Lossberg asked for clarification on the number of Mountain Water employees that were acquired by the city.

Ms. Jones asked what increases exactly were included regarding Mountain Water.

Ms. Ratterman discussed reduction efforts.

Ms. Merritt asked for more details about well use and production.

Mr. Hess asked for more clarification on the graph on water department use.

Mr. von Lossberg discussed best practices for water department use and asked about opportunities for reduction in water treatment.

Ms. Merritt brought up pipe/equipment leaks on the wastewater end of the system and unnecessary water treatment as other aspects to consider.

Ms. Ratterman discussed buildings and facilities natural gas and electricity use.

Ms. Merritt asked how fleet emissions are calculated.

Mr. Hess asked about electric fleet vehicles and if there is any possibility for electric police vehicles.

Ms. Ratterman discussed "right sizing" vehicles.

Ms. Ratterman shared information on emissions from solid waste facilities.

Ms. Ratterman discussed current projects and plans to meet municipal goals.

Ms. Merritt asked if there are any decisions being made about the trees at the poplar farm.

Mr. Bickell states the city may plant alfalfa instead of trees in the future at that site but nothing has been decided currently.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

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