

Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

**August 25, 2021, 11:35 am
ZOOM Webinar**

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra (chair), Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Sandra Vasecka

Members absent: John P. Contos, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

1.2.1 PW Committee Minutes from 8/11/2021

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Professional Services Amendment No. 2 with Morrison-Maierle for the Grant Creek Lift Station

Andy Schultz City Engineer for Utilities presenting,

This project will decommission the existing Grant Creek Lift Station by installing a gravity sewer main around the lift station and connecting it into the gravity sewer. The original scope with Morrison-Maierle was to do an alternative analysis project of four different alternatives. That analysis determined the best option for the City was to decommission the existing and install the gravity main. Therefore, the first amendment was to get that project under design and bid out. The project is now under construction and will start to bore under the railroad tracks next week. This second amendment is to cover the cost of construction, administration, and final project closeout. The total cost of this amendment is \$63,500, and the funds will come from the sewer enterprise fund.

Mr. Hess was interested in the utility usage and greenhouse gas impact from decommissioning a lift station. Mr. Schultz said he was unsure if greenhouse gas emissions were looked at, but they did look at power consumption. This option is more expensive initially, but the City will save money in the long run by decreasing the power of consumption, no maintenance, and safer for the City operations staff.

Moved by: Jordan Hess

Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 2 with Morrison-Maierle for the Grant Creek Lift Station at a cost not to exceed \$63,500

AYES: (7): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, and Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (5): John Contos, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (7 to 0)

3.2 Noise Ordinance Variance for night work on Mount Ave.

Andy Schultz City Engineer for Utilities presenting,

Missoula Water has contracted with Prospect Construction to replace the water main on Mount Ave across Brooks Street. Brooks Street is Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) right of way. MDT has asked that any construction involving Brooks Street be conducted at night to minimize traffic disruption. The anticipated dates of the water main installation night work would be the nights of September 7th and 8th, with a night of paving to follow, possibly on September 16th. On September 8th, the street will be temporarily paved, and that paving will remain in place until the water main has been tested. The contractor plans on handing out door hangers with notices of the night work 48 hours in advance to the homes in that area. Nick Patch, the project manager, added they would try to get through the project as quickly and quietly as possible.

Ms. Jones reminded the City to notify the Rose Park Neighborhood Council.

Moved by: Julie Merritt

Approve an exemption to MMC Chapter 9.30 entitled "Noise Control," to permit relief in accordance with MMC Chapter 9.30.070, entitled "Permit for relief from noise level," from specified levels during the installation of a water main across Brooks Street.

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ABSENT: (5): John Contos, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (7 to 0)

3.3 Bid Award with Prospect Construction, Inc. for Caras Park

Andy Schultz City Engineer for Utilities presenting,

This exciting project is a collaboration between City Public Works and Mobility and Parks and Recreation Departments. This project will install an infiltration gallery in place of the

big grass hill at Caras Park. The first flush of stormwater, which has the most contaminants, will be diverted to the infiltration gallery and not to the Clark Fork as it currently does. This will improve the water quality in an area that sees a lot of recreation. This project overlaps with The North Riverside Parks and Trails Master Plan improvements to Caras Park. The Caras Park improvements include widening Ron's River Trail from ten feet to eighteen feet, creating a riverfront promenade. The space above the infiltration gallery will be leveled off and create a more usable space for events. This will also allow a better view of the river. It will also replace the existing amphitheater with a grass lawn to create more seating space. The project will also install lighting, better vendor hook-ups, and update the landscaping. The funding for this project is as follows:

Caras Outfall Storm Water Infiltration (Schedule A):
\$653,239 from the Storm Water Enterprise Fund
\$24,229 from a Renewable Resources Grant from the Montana Department of Natural Resources

Caras Park Phase 1 Improvements (Schedule B):
\$700,000 from Park District
\$650,000 In Private funds from the Missoula Downtown Partnership

Ms. Anderson asked if there would be a path from Caras Park down to the river. Donna Gaukler, Director of Parks and Recreation, said the access to the river is not part of this agreement but is a future project. Ms. Gaukler added that the City does understand that people are disappointed to see the hill and the possibility of rolling down the hill disappear. However, she said the benefits of having the hill removed are great including, better seating, universal accessibility, and easier maintenance.

Mr. Hess asked if the stormwater improvements will be underground. Mr. Schultz said everything would be buried with the only thing visible would be manhole lids. Mr. Hess also wondered if this filtration would need to be serviced. Mr. Schultz replied that it would require some maintenance.

Moved by: Julie Merritt

Award both Schedules A and B in the bid for construction services for the Caras Outfall Storm Water Infiltration & Caras Park Phase 1 Improvements Project to Prospect Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,162,591.65 and authorize the return of bid bonds.

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ABSENT: (5): John Contos, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (7 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT