

**Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes - DRAFT**

**September 15, 2021, 12:45 pm  
ZOOM Webinar**

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

**Members absent:** Jesse Ramos

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**1.1 Roll Call**

**1.2 Approval of the Minutes**

**1.2.1 PW Committee Minutes from 8/25/2021**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**3.1 Purchase of one (1) Bike Lane Pedestrian Path Sweeper**

Requested to purchase a Bucher City Cat V20 Sweeper from Butcher Municipal of Mooresville, NC for \$165,464.00. Different options and manufacturers for this sweeper were explored. The selection of sweepers that fit the needed requirements were limited to three manufacturers. This sweeper best fit the weight and width restrictions with the ability to travel at a safe speed on City Streets. This purchase has been approved in the CIP and is part of the vehicle growth and replacement program. This sweeper was approved in the new requests this year and will be paid from Road District funds.

Because of non-unanimous vote, Mirtha Becerra would like the item to be referred to Committee Reports on the September 20, 2021 City Council Meeting.

**Moved by:** Sandra Vasecka

Approve the purchase of a Bucher City Cat V20 Sweeper from Butcher Municipal of Mooresville, NC for \$165,464.00.

AYES: (9): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

NAYS: (1): John Contos

ABSENT: (2): Jesse Ramos, and Amber Sherrill

**Vote results: Approved (9 to 1)**

### **3.2 Purchase of one (1) Mini Excavator for Street Dept.**

Scott Colwell provided background on how the Streets department currently leases a mini excavator year round to complete its work. Purchasing a mini excavator would pay for its self after 5 years. Since the previous purchase of a road sweeper came in \$30,00 under budget there is room in the current budget to purchase this the mini excavator. This purchase has been approved in the CIP and is part of the vehicle growth and replacement program. This purchase was approved as a new request in this year's budget and will be funded out of Road District Funds.

**Moved by:** Sandra Vasecka

Approve the purchase of John Deere 35G Mini Excavator from (RDO Equipment of (Missoula, MT) for \$66,600.00.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): Jesse Ramos, and Amber Sherrill

**Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)**

### **3.3 Referral – Lease Purchase Agreement with Motorola Solutions for Radios**

Rick Larson provided background on the City's current radio system that supports the Missoula Police Department, Missoula Fire Department, and the City's Public Works and Mobility department. The existing equipment is past its service life so there is no manufacturer support or spare parts available. The consultant, Missoula Critical Partners, was hired to evaluate city's current system and needs. The critical issues identified are high noise floor at VHF (high band frequency) and lack of in-building coverage due to new construction and large buildings. The recommendation is to replace the current conventional system with P25 digital conventional simulcast and use 800 MHz frequency radios. He is requesting authorization to purchase 229 new mobile dual band 800 MHz radios for \$1,972,794. There is a Motorola one time discount through September 27th 2021, through the State of Montana National Association of State Procurement Officials contract. This discount will save approximately \$500,000. Chief White and Macy Davis emphasized the critical need of this for safety of responders and citizens. Sandra Vasecka disagrees with the leasing to fund this purchase.

Because of non-unanimous vote, Mirtha Becerra would like the item to be referred to Committee Reports on the September 20, 2021 City Council Meeting.

**Moved by:** Stacie Anderson

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a purchase agreement with Motorola for mobile radios at a cost not to exceed \$1,562,952.63.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

NAYS: (1): Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (1): Jesse Ramos

**Vote results: Approved (10 to 1)**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**