

# **DRAFT - Missoula City Council Administration and Finance Committee Minutes**

**October 13, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

**ZOOM Webinar**

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

**Members absent:** Jesse Ramos, Sandra Vasecka

**Others present:** We had issues with the roll call feature of eScribe. For this meeting, all were in attendance except for Jesse Ramos and Sandra Vasecka.

## **1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

### **1.1 Roll Call**

### **1.2 Approval of the Minutes**

#### **1.2.1 Minutes from the October 6, 2021 Meeting**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **3.1 Resolution for Radio and Communications Equipment Leasing Agreement**

9/22/2021 - Gwen Jones announced at the beginning of the meeting that this item will not be considered at this time, but will be coming back to Council at a later date.

10/13/21 - Leigh Griffing presented this information for the radio safety equipment. Motorola is providing financing at 0% interest for 5 years.

Dale Bickell - Discussed additional financing information.

Gwen Jones - Because of technology changes, it is necessary for these updates, otherwise our current equipment will not work.

Dale Bickell - That is correct. This is also an officer safety issue.

Julie Merritt - This is a 0% financing for this endeavor. This is just allowing us to make this very important upgrade to our system so our community is safe and our first responders can communicate with each other.

Heather Harp - Assistant Chief, Hoffman, could you speak, from your point of view, as to the necessity of this?

Scott Hoffman - In the 29 years I have been here, there have been very minimal changes. We still have black spots where we cannot communicate with 911 or the officers. The first step is the radios the officers have. We need to work on the towers and help with the infrastructure. We are in a dire spot right now. In buildings, we cannot

penetrate those. We can have two officers standing by each other and cannot communicate with each other due to the frequency issues. This is the first step to resolving these issues. It is very important for officers to communicate to each other and with 911.

Heather Harp - Made motion.

Public comment was called for and there was none.

Onto the consent agenda.

**Moved by:** Heather Harp

I move the City Council approve the “Resolution Determining the Need for the Acquisition of Public Safety Radio Equipment” in order to enter into a lease purchase financing agreement with Motorola for the financing of public safety radio equipment.

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

ABSENT: (2): Jesse Ramos, and Sandra Vasecka

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

### **3.2 Reimbursement Resolution for Public Safety Radio and Communications Equipment Purchase**

9/22/2021 - Gwen Jones announced and the beginning of the meeting that this item will not be considered at this time, but will be coming back to Council at a later date.

10/8/2021 - Leigh Griffing notified us that this item on the agenda will not need to be discussed, as all items will be covered in item 3.1 of this agenda.

9/22/2021 - Gwen Jones announced and the beginning of the meeting that this item will not be considered at this time, but will be coming back to Council at a later date.

10/8/2021 - Leigh Griffing notified us that this item can be removed from the agenda.

Adopt/deny a resolution declaring the official intent of the City of Missoula, Montana, to reimburse certain original expenditures related to the purchase of public safety radio and communications equipment from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds to be issued by the City after the payment of such original expenditures.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:12.