



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Public Works

Item: Professional Services Agreement with WGM Group Inc. for Water Rights Consulting Services

Date: October 14, 2021

Sponsor(s): Logan McInnis

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Approve a Professional Services Agreement with WGM Group Inc. for Water Rights Consulting Services.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with WGM Group Inc. for Water Rights Consulting Services at a cost not to exceed \$51,676.00.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	October 18, 2021
Committee discussion:	October 20, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	October 25, 2021
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

WGM Group Inc. will be providing services regarding the following:

- Collect Miller Creek irrigation season measurements and reporting
- Participate in a City-DNRC meeting to explore options to protect McKinley Lake water right
- Provide technical assistance and communications with stakeholders throughout the Flynn-Lowney Ditch Acquisition
- Complete and submit two change applications and four permit applications for the Flynn-Lowney Ditch Acquisition

Financial Implications:

\$10,100 from the Water Enterprise Funds to pay for the Miller Creek Area Water Rights and McKinley Lake Water Rights

\$41,576 from MRA Funds to pay for the due diligence, water rights change application, and water right permit application for the Flynn-Lowney Ditch Acquisition

Links to external websites:

N/A