

Missoula City Council Public Safety and Health Committee Minutes

October 20, 2021

10:00 AM

ZOOM Webinar

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

Members absent: Gwen Jones, Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes for August 18 and August 25, 2021

Approved as submitted

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Referral-Purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Missoula Fire Department

AC Davis spoke on the SCBA replacement. This is an entire replacement of everything we have currently. This was on the core replacement CIP for this year. The cost was modified because the new bottles have an increase in air pressure. The safety chamber at MFD may have to be replaced if the current fill station is rated for the increased air pressure.

Heather Harp asked what happens with the existing equipment. AC Davis said It is set up for purchase through the GPO. There is a discounted price so the vendor can recycle the products.

Heater Harp made the motion.

Moved by: Heather Harp

Approve and authorize the purchase of the SCBA's for the Missoula Fire Department from Sea Western Fire Fighting Equipment at the cost of not to exceed \$885,000 to be paid from core replacement (CIP).

AYES: (9): Stacie Anderson, John Contos, Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Gwen Jones, Jesse Ramos, and Bryan von Lossberg

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.2 Referral-Purchase Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment Turnouts for the Missoula Fire Department

Gordy Hughes spoke on the Personal Protective Equipment purchase. In the pandemic we were challenged in utilizing our PPE. We discovered with only one set of turnouts, if we were exposed to individuals with the virus, there was no way to launder and re-use the turnouts. We purchased coveralls, but if there was a call where we had coveralls on and had to report to the scene of a fire, there would be a delay since the crews not have their turnouts. This also has to do with cancer exposure.

Julie Merritt made the motion.

Moved by: Stacie Anderson

Approve and authorize the purchase of new turnouts for all members of the Missoula Fire Department from LN Curtis for the price of \$278,876.13 to be paid from ARPA funds as approved in this Fiscal Year's budget.

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ABSENT: (3): Gwen Jones, Jesse Ramos, and Bryan von Lossberg

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.3 Referral-Memorandum of Understanding with IAFF Local 271 for EMS Certification Pay

Brad Davis spoke on the memorandum of understanding for Certification pay. The City and the local union #271 negotiated and agreed to an increase in EMS certification pay. The start date will be April 1st. The Fire Department will cover this out of their budget for the first year and will be written into the next budget.

Jordan Hess made the motion.

Moved by: Jordan Hess

Authorize the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding FOR EMS Certification Pay that was negotiated between the City of Missoula and Local IAFF 271.

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ABSENT: (3): Gwen Jones, Jesse Ramos, and Bryan von Lossberg

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned 10:25 AM