

**Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes**

**December 8, 2021, 1:15 pm  
ZOOM Webinar**

**Members present:** Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra (chair), Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Members absent:** John P. Contos, Bryan von Lossberg

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**1.1 Roll Call**

**1.2 Approval of the Minutes**

**1.2.1 Minutes from the PW Committee December 1, 2021 Meeting**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**3.1 Purchase of One (1) Backhoe for Street Department**

Scot Colwell Fleet Director presenting,

The purchase of this backhoe is approved on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the vehicle replacement program. It will replace an older backhoe on the street department fleet. The purchase includes two buckets and a hydraulic thumb. The older backhoe will go to the Parks Department to replace an even older one in that fleet. There were not any comments from council members.

**Moved by:** Julie Merritt

Approve the purchase of one (1) Cat 420 Backhoe from Western States Equipment of Missoula, Montana for the Purchase price of \$135,794.00

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

ABSENT: (3): John Contos, Gwen Jones, and Bryan von Lossberg

**Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)**

**3.2 Bid Award with Prospect Construction Inc., for the Lincoln Hills Water Tank Improvements**

Andy Schultz City Engineer for Utilities presenting,

This project is a bid award for the Lincoln Hills water storage tanks, to Prospect Construction. There are currently two tanks in Lincoln Hills, and they are undersized aging metal that need to be replaced. These tanks are fully buried and have been identified as a priority in the water facilities plan because buried tanks provide a multitude of problems for a water system. This project was bid as cast-in-place concrete tanks back in May of 2021. At that time, the City received two high bids due to materials. The City reached out to a different tank manufacturer that makes a pre-stressed concrete tank. The pre-stressed concrete tank has some advantages over the cast-in-place tank. The City put this project out to bid again as a pre-stressed tank, and the bids came in even higher. The lowest bid for the cast-in-place bidder was willing to honor the original bid. The total of the bid comes in at \$2,154,490.18 and will be paid out of the water enterprise fund via a state revolving loan.

Ms. Harp as if it was normal for a contractor to be willing to honor an original bid like this. Mr. Schultz replied that we should be very thankful for this contractor. He says they are new to town and interested in getting more City projects.

Ms. Merritt asked how long the current tanks have been in place. Mr. Schutz replied since the '50s, and they were not really designated as water tanks. He added the new tanks should last 50 to 100 years with regular maintenance.

**Moved by:** Heather Harp

Award the bid for the Lincoln Hills Water Storage Tank Improvements Project to Prospect Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,154,490.18 and authorize the return of bid bonds.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): John Contos, and Bryan von Lossberg

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

### **3.3 Referral – Vacation of Public Roadway Easement and Public Utility Easement Forty-Four Ranch Estates**

Mark Todorovich Construction Projects Coordinator presenting,

The public utility easement and roadway easement are located at 5710 Lariat Loop. The owner of this property is requesting that the City vacate the thirty-foot wide public roadway easement and the sixty-foot wide public utility easement. The purpose of the easements was for the future extension of Roundup Drive. However, Roundup Drive will not be extended because of the recent construction of Chuckwagon Drive. The property owner would like to build a garage in this space. The utility contacts have all been notified and signed a release of the easement. The property owner currently owns the property and would like to make full use of his property. Since Roundup Drive is not a viable option for a through street, the City is willing to help the property owner and vacate the easements.

**Moved by:** Sandra Vasecka

Approve and authorize the Mayor to approve the Resolution vacating a 30 foot wide public roadway easement and a 60 foot wide public utility easement adjacent to lot 4, Forty-Four Ranch Estates.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): John Contos, and Bryan von Lossberg

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

### **3.4 Development Agreement with Wishcamper Development Partners, LLC for the Mullan BUILD Project**

Jeremy Keene Public Works Director presenting,

The Mullan BUILD project is progressing and portions of it will break ground in the spring. The developer of the subdivision off England Blvd approached the City regarding some design modification to the BUILD project to interface better with the subdivision. Some of the items in the agreement would be regarding the intersection and storm drains. The developer agreed to pay for the cost of looking at this design modification. This City is in support of this because it will add benefits to the BUILD project as well. This item is in conjunction with item number 3.6 the Professional Services Agreement with DJ&A. They will be voted on together. The City would like to continue working with DJ& A because they are familiar with the BUILD project. They were originally selected by the County and now the City would like them to continue with the BUILD project for the city portion.

**Moved by:** Julie Merritt

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Development Agreement with Wishcamper Development Partners, LLC for the Mullan BUILD Project.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): John Contos, and Bryan von Lossberg

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

### **3.5 First Amendment to the Mullan BUILD – Interlocal Agreement between the City of Missoula and Missoula County**

Jeremy Keene Director of Public Works presenting,

This is an amendment to the original agreement with the County explaining how the City will share costs with the County. Since the original agreement, some of the costs have changed and this amendment addresses those changes.

**Moved by:** Julie Merritt

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the First Amendment to the Mullan BUILD – Interlocal Agreement between the City of Missoula and Missoula County.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): John Contos, and Bryan von Lossberg

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

**3.6 Professional Services Agreement with DJ&A for the Mullan BUILD – England Blvd. Design Changes**

This item was presented and voted on with Item 3.4 above.

**Moved by:** Julie Merritt

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with DJ&A for the Mullan BUILD – England Blvd. Design Changes at a cost not to exceed \$79,423.00.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

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

**4. ADJOURNMENT**