

Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

January 12, 2022, 9:00 am
ZOOM Webinar

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra (chair), Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Heidi West

Members absent: Jordan Hess, Sandra Vasecka

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 PW Committee Minutes from January 5, 2022

The minutes were approved as submitted,

This bid award is to Dennis Lower Construction for the Municipal Court remodel in the amount of \$210,631.00. Mr. Lawson explained that the City had a difficult time getting contractors to bid on this project and the was the only bid they received. Dale Bickell chief financial officer added this project will be funded under the general fund excess reserves account. He also mentioned this bid came in lower than the budgeted amount so the City does have significant savings on this project.

Ms. Jones added that she is grateful for the bid and that staff and judges will be happy to have this project completed. She explained that currently, they are using the city council chamber for court appearances.

Ms. Jordan asked if the construction plans were available to view. Mr. Lawson explained they are on the City website under the RFP (Request for proposals) listing.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Municipal court remodel

Matt Lawson Facilities Manager presenting,

This bid award is to Dennis Lower Construction in the amount of \$210,631 for the municipal court remodel. This contractor was the only bidder and came in underbid. The plans can be viewed on the City of Missoula website under the Request For Proposals listing. Ms. Jones added she is happy to see this project get underway and know the staff and judges are as well. The courts are currently using the city council chambers.

Moved by: Gwen Jones

I move the City Council: Award the bid for the municipal court remodel to D. Lower Construction of Missoula Mt. the low bidder, in the amount of \$210,631 and authorize return of bid bonds.

AYES: (8): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Amber Sherrill

ABSENT: (4): Stacie Anderson, Jordan Hess, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.2 Referral – Professional Services Agreement with WGM for South Hills Stormwater Improvements

Adam Marsh, Utility Engineer, presenting,

This South Hills Stormwater project is part of a two million dollar ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant. The city must provide a ten percent match from the stormwater enterprise fund. This professional services agreement is to provide all of the design for that grant with a total of \$393,142.05. The agreement will design three separate projects that have been funneled together because they affect each other and the South Hills drainage.

The first phase of this project is occurring on Grandview Way. An earthquake a few years ago created several springs that appeared on private property. The springs have created several issues for the private landowners and the city. The springs flow onto the city streets of Rita Ct. and Morningside Ct., causing safety issues and damaging the roadway. The new proposal would extend the storm drain at Grandview and run it up Rita Ct. and Morningside Ct. The extension will get the water off the road and convey it through the storm drain and into a natural channel.

The second phase of this project is on Gharrett Street and 55th Street. Stormwater is moving down 55th street and causing issues along the hill. These are both very steep streets. The stormwater would move down 55th street into open drainage in the past. However, several years ago, a development Tonya Heights was constructed, causing stormwater issues. The development installed a storm drain, but it has not been handling the water. The proposal is to regrade part of Gharrett and establish a better curb and gutter to convey the water without overflowing onto the street. The storm main would also be extended and improved.

The third phase of this project is at Cattail corner. The biology of this wetland is not a very good habitat, and it has a lot of sediment, lacking a lot of the original retention capacity. The proposal is to install new drywells around the perimeter and remove the sediment. The plan is to have this project all three phases constructed in 2022.

Ms. Anderson asked to clarify if this ARPA grant will cover the entire cost of the projects, which would not require a Special Improvement District (SID) for these residents. Mr. Marsh said that the grant would pay for the project, and a SID would not be required. Logan McInnis Deputy Director of Public Works Utilities, added that the city is looking into possibly charging a new connection to the storm drain in the area. They are meeting with consultants to discuss the issue.

Mr. Contos asked if the stormwater complications were not properly researched before this development went in. Mr. McInnis replied that they thought the drywell would hold the

water. He said Public Works and Mobility has stepped up the efforts as to what people have to submit now when developments go in. He said we have stormwater exports on staff and feels confident with the rules that are currently in place that this situation will not happen in the future.

Matts Larson from ward 3 asked about the 100-year flood plain in this area and if maintenance was included in this proposal. Mr. Marsh replied that the improvements are designed to help mitigate the flood plain. Also, to prepare for the next flood and have our storm system be ready to take the water.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with WGM Group, Inc. for the South Hills Stormwater Improvements at a cost not to exceed \$393,142.05

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): Jordan Hess, and Sandra Vasecka

Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)

3.3 Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 3 with WGM Group, Inc. for the Mullan Road Reconstruction Project

Kevin Slovarp City Engineer for Surface Transportation, Chuck Wagon Drive was constructed a few years ago and was not able to be connected to Mullan Road instead, it connects to Roundup Drive. The project now connects it to Mullan Road by widening Mullan Road and creating a two-way center turning lane. Some changes have been made to this agreement, and that is why the City is asking for an Amendment. The Amendment will add a right turn acceleration lane. It will also require Mullan Road Trail to move North and widen to ten feet. Finally, the BUILD Grant is making improvements to George Elmer Drive, so the City will widen Mullan Road from George Elmer Drive past the Chuck Wagon Intersection.

Mr. Contos wondered why the current situation of Chuck Wagon combing with Roundup Drive is not working. Mr. Slovarp said the connection of Chuck Wagon to Mullan Road was required by The Montana Department of Transportation, the owner of Mullan Road. Ms. Sherrill asked if these improvements would be sufficient for future traffic once this area is built out. Mr. Slovarp believes these improvements will handle the increased future traffic. Matts Larson asked how many more Amendments would be involved in this project. Mr. Slovarp does not anticipate anymore.

Moved by: Stacie Anderson

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 3 with WGM Group, Inc. for the Mullan Road Reconstruction Project at a cost not to exceed \$45,483.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (2): Jordan Hess, and Sandra Vasecka

Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT