

Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

**April 20, 2022, 10:00 am
ZOOM Webinar**

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

Members absent: Gwen Jones, Jennifer Savage, Sandra Vasecka

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Reappointment to the Parking Commission

Ian Ortlieb with the Missoula Parking Commission presenting,

Mr. Ortlieb said that Glenda Bradshaw has been a valuable member of the Parking Board. Her business and accounting background has really been appreciated. The Parking Commission would fully support her reappointment to the Parking Board.

Mr. Hess explained that he had worked with Glenda and said she is a pleasure to work with and was happy to make the recommended motion.

Moved by: Jordan Hess

Confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Glenda Bradshaw to the Parking Commission for a term beginning May 1, 2022 and expiring on April 30, 2026.

AYES: (8): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Jennifer Savage, and Sandra Vasecka

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.2 Service Agreement with Sprinkler Maniac for Poplar Farm Maintenance

Gene Connell Resource Recovery Superintendent presenting,

This agreement is to operate and maintain the sprinklers at the poplar farm. The amount is the same as last year and will be paid from the wastewater enterprise fund.

Moved by: Stacie Anderson

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the professional service agreement with Sprinkler Maniac, LLC to provide services to operate and maintain the Wastewater Division Poplar Farm irrigation system for a sum not to exceed \$108,675.00.

AYES: (8): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Mike Nugent, Amber Sherrill, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Jennifer Savage, and Sandra Vasecka

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.3 Professional Services Agreement with Utilis, Inc. for an Underground Water Leaks Satellite Imagery Analysis

Jerry Ellis Water Operations Superintendent presenting,

This agreement would be for fly-over imagery of the water system to look for leaks. Water leaks are one of the City of Missoula's biggest problems and they are very hard to find. The water enterprise fund has money left in the budget for this fiscal year so the City decided to have this satellite Imagery done. The City of Spokane has done this in the past and said that it worked really well. They went from a thirteen percent leakage down to a ten percent leakage rate. The Satellite uses radar to look for treated water in conjunction with GIS data.

Mr. Hess said he appreciated the data-driven approach. Ms. Becerra asked how long it would take to collect the data. Mr. Eric Trerotola with Utilis, Inc. said it would take around three to four weeks. Mr. Nugent asked what the City plans to do with the leakage on private lines. Mr. McInnis said he does fear that the results will show so many leaks they will be hard to prioritize. Mr. Nugent also asked if this data will affect their ability to get the insurance. Mr. McInnis said that is a good concern and he is not sure at the moment how to address that. He said he believes the insurance does have a preexisting condition exclusion.

Moved by: Jordan Hess

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Utilis, Inc. dba ASTERRA for an Underground Water Leaks Satellite Imagery Analysis for a cost not to exceed \$27,200.00.

AYES: (8): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Jordan Hess, Kristen Jordan, Amber Sherrill, and Heidi West

NAYS: (1): Mike Nugent

ABSENT: (3): Gwen Jones, Jennifer Savage, and Sandra Vasecka

Vote results: Approved (8 to 1)

4. ADJOURNMENT