

Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

June 8, 2022, 8:45 am

ZOOM Webinar

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

Members absent: Stacie Anderson, Jordan Hess, Mike Nugent

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 PW Committee Minutes from May 25, 2022

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 A Resolution Amending the Utility Service Area Boundary

Andy Schultz Engineer for Utilities presenting,

In the fall of 2020 City Council adopted the Utility Service Line Boundary, which combined the wastewater service area and the water service area. Since that was adopted, the City has some administrative issues that they would like to update with this Resolution. In Upper Miller Creek, an addition should have been in the original boundary line but was missed. In the Lower Miller Creek area, a portion of the flood plain is being removed, and a separate area will be added for new development. In the Butler Creek area, the Circle H Development is currently on a private water system that will soon be Missoula Water. That area will be added to the boundary. Lastly, a small development area in the Lower Grant Creek area will be added.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Adopt/deny a resolution of the Missoula City Council to amend the Utility Service Area Boundary as shown in Exhibit A.

AYES: (7): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (5): Stacie Anderson, Jordan Hess, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (7 to 0)

3.2 Stormwater Utility- Operations and Environmental Compliance Presentation

Tracy Campbell, Stormwater Superintendent presenting,

The Stormwater Utility currently has four full-time employees and two employees contracted from the Street Division for nine months out of the year. In addition, the Wastewater Division helps the Stormwater staff year-round with various maintenance tasks.

The Stormwater Utility is committed to protecting public health and safety, natural resources, waterways, and the aquifer while meeting or exceeding state and federal environmental quality regulations. The state and federal regulations consist of the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Levees, and the Playfair Park High-hazard Dam. The MS4 Permit is the general Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. This is administered by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, under the authority of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for compliance with the Clean Water Act.

Stormwater runoff is the #1 source of water pollution in Montana and the United States. Some examples of pollution are bacteria and parasites from pet waste, excess nutrients from lawns and gardens, motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid, fertilizer chemicals, and snow and ice melt chemicals.

The Stormwater is not treated before it enters the river. Instead, it goes straight to rivers, streams, and the aquifer. This is why the Stormwater needs to be regulated. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination is a form of regulation. This means you are not allowed to wash dirty equipment over storm drains or dump anything into storm drains. Only rain down the drain.

Another regulation is Construction Site Stormwater Management. This is using best management practices (BMPs) onsite to regulate Stormwater. Trackpads help to remove debris as trucks leave a construction site. The stormwater team monitors construction sites and other city properties to ensure they use BMPs.

The Stormwater Division conducts sampling and monitoring of 58 outfalls twice a year. The city had 1,524 inlets, 43 miles of pipes, and 5,006 dry wells that they also sample and monitor. They are also responsible for levees, floodwalls, and the high-hazard dam.

Informational Presentation

3.3 Accept Grant Funds from Montana Watershed Coordination Council for the Pattee Creek Restoration Project

Mackenzie Tenan presenting,

The Pattee Creek Restoration project is a partnership between the MWCC Watershed Fund and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The funding is to assist local watershed organizations and other entities currently hosting Big Sky Watershed Members. Specifically to address nonpoint source pollution-reduction projects in Montana's 2020 list of Impaired Waters and included in the DEQ accepted watershed restoration plan. The total funds from MWCC are \$5,380.00 for personnel, materials and

equipment, project-related education, and outreach. The location of this project is along the stretch of Pattee Creek Drive.

Moved by: Amber Sherrill

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to accept grant funds of \$5,308.00 from Montana Watershed Coordination Council for the Pattee Creek Riparian Restoration Project.

AYES: (8): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): Stacie Anderson, Jordan Hess, Mike Nugent, and Jennifer Savage

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT