

**Journal of Proceedings**  
**Missoula City Council Meeting**  
**June 14, 2021, 6:00 pm**  
**ZOOM Webinar**

Members Present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Members Absent: Jordan Hess, Jesse Ramos, Bryan von Lossberg

Administration Present: Jim Nugent, City Attorney, Marty Rehbein

Administration Absent: Mayor John Engen

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The virtual meeting of the Missoula City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Gwen Jones at 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Minutes from the June 7, 2021, Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3.1 Committee Schedule for the week of June 14, 2021

Committee of the Whole, June 16, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Administration & Finance Committee, June 16, 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Public Works Committee, June 16, 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Parks & Conservation, June 16, 12:45 - 1:05 p.m.

President Jones Great, thank you. And let the record reflect that Stacie Anderson is present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Jones I'll call for public comment on items not on the agenda, so press \*9 if you want to raise your hand and speak. Not seeing any raised hands, so we will continue forward with our agenda. The next item is number five, the consent agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

President Jones Items on the consent agenda were approved in City Council meetings to be placed on the consent agenda to save time at City Council meetings by voting on them as a package. The clerk will

read the list aloud so citizens watching on MCAT will know what is on the consent agenda. We'll invite community comment on these items before we vote. Marty to you.

AYES: (8): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Harp, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Merritt, Alderperson Sherrill, Alderperson Vasecka, and Alderperson West

ABSENT: (4): Alderperson Contos, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Ramos, and Alderperson von Lossberg

Vote result: Approved (8 to 0)

5.1 Accounts Payable (Claims) for checks dated June 15, 2021

Ratify accounts payable in the amount of \$9,760,206.15 for checks dated June 15, 2021.

5.2 Purchase Agreement with Vermeer for a 9-inch Brush Chipper for the City Cemetery

5.3 Purchase Agreement with Camp Well Drilling & Pump Supply for an Irrigation Pump for the City Cemetery

5.4 Higgins Ave Mill & Overlay Project Reimbursement with the Montana Department of Transportation

5.5 Resolution to Adopt the East Missoula/Highway 200 Corridor Plan

5.6 Memorandum of Understanding for Paramedic Program 2021

5.7 Contract for Emergency Planning Services

5.8 Missoula Neighborhood Improvement Grants

5.9 Missoula Community Access Television Service Contract Renewal

5.10 McNett Flats Cash-in-lieu of Parkland

President Jones Thank you Marty. Is there any public comment on the consent agenda? Seeing no hands raised. Are there any comments by Council? Ms. Merritt.

Alderperson Merritt I just want to say a quick thank you to the Office of Neighborhoods and all of our neighborhood groups who applied for the grants and those that were successful. I'm excited to see what these groups are able to do with that money. So, thanks to the office neighborhoods for keeping that going.

President Jones Great thank you. Any other comments from Council? I don't have the.... Oh, thanks the hand is down. Okay then we will take a roll call vote on the consent agenda.

6. COMMENTS FROM CITY STAFF, AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES AND THE COMMUNITY FORUM - None

## 7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

President Jones We do have one special presentation tonight proclamation for Juneteenth Independence Day, and I will read that. Proclamation of Missoula County and the City of Missoula, Montana.

### 7.1 Proclamation - Juneteenth Independence Day

WHEREAS, Missoula County acknowledges the lasting impacts of racism in the United States fueled largely by the horrific institution of slavery; and WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not reach frontier areas of the United States and in particular the southwestern states for more than two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863 and months after the conclusion of the civil war; and WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865 union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas with news that the civil war had ended and that the enslaved were free; and WHEREAS, African American's who had been slaves in the southwest celebrated June 19th commonly known as Juneteenth Independence Day as the anniversary of their emancipation; and WHEREAS, African American's from the southwest and across the country continue the tradition of Juneteenth Independence Day as inspiration and encouragement for further generations; and WHEREAS, for more than 150 years Juneteenth Independence Day celebrations have been held to honor African American freedom while encouraging self-development, respect, and dignity for all people; and WHEREAS, the strength of character, faith, and resilience demonstrated by former slaves remains an example for all people of the United States regardless of background, religion, or race; and WHEREAS, the character demonstrated by former slaves should inspire us in this country to give thanks for the freedom won by so many people in all nations and to strive for the goals of bringing freedom and democracy to people of other countries no matter what their race or religion; and WHEREAS, although Juneteenth Independence Day is beginning to be recognized as a national and even global event, the history behind the celebration should not be forgotten; and WHEREAS, Montana proudly joins 47 states and the District of Columbia in observing Juneteenth as a state or ceremonial holiday. THEREFORE, be it resolved, we Missoula County and the City of Missoula do hereby proclaim the 19th of June as Juneteenth Independence Day to commemorate African American emancipation from slavery, to celebrate the freedom won by people in many countries, and to rededicate ourselves to the cause of liberty dated this 10th of day of June signed by John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula and the three county commissioners for the County of Missoula.

President Jones And is there anyone in the audience who wants to comment on this? Not seeing anyone, we'll continue on with the agenda.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None
9. FINAL CONSIDERATION - None
10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR - None
11. GENERAL COMMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

President Jones We have general comments of City Council. And I'll start with my screen Ms. Merritt.

Aldersperson Merritt Sorry I couldn't find my unmute button. I just want to let people know that starting today MCPS is partnering with the Missoula Food Bank to offer free lunches to, to students throughout the county and there are a number of locations where this is being offered, at the, at four of our elementary schools, at the Food Bank, EmPower Place, at the Council Grove Apartments, and if you have any questions about that, just you can find more information about it on the MCPS website or on the Missoula Food Bank website.

President Jones Thank you. Ms. Vasecka.

Aldersperson Vasecka I'll pass, thanks.

President Jones Thank you. Ms. Sherrill.

Aldersperson Sherrill I'll pass as well. Thank you.

President Jones Ms. Becerra.

Aldersperson Becerra I just want to say thank you to all the teachers and everyone who made this past school year possible and, and you know as, as normal as possible for all the kids. I, I truly appreciated, special kudos to Hellgate Elementary and middle school for providing a safe and, and, and well set out program for, for the kiddos. So, my gratitude.

President Jones Thank you. Ms. West.

Aldersperson West Pass.

President Jones Ms. Anderson.

Aldersperson Anderson Thanks so much. Julie actually took mine I was going to comment on the free lunch program. Thanks so much Gwen for reading that proclamation from the Mayor. I think it's important that we commemorate that. As a history major, I'm a fan of the saying if you don't know your history you're bound to repeat it. So, the more that we can do proclamations like this and start conversations in our community about these important dates, I think the better off we all will be. So, thank you for that and thank you for everyone across the community for recognizing this day. I know my company, my husband's company just sent out a note saying that everyone will get Friday off as a company-wide holiday to commemorate Juneteenth and so I think more and more this, we are recognizing this is an important holiday to remember and honor. So thanks so much.

President Jones Thank you. Ms. Harp.

Alderperson Harp You know I think about this last, a year ago, where we, we were here at this zoom table and I remember just thinking my world was really rocked by the knowledge that we gained from learning about the black lives matter movement and how much that has really changed the course of our, of our culture. I know at Habitat; I'm trying to do all that I can to correct wrongs of the past and it's an uphill battle, but I think proclamations like the one that Gwen read really do start to move us in a direction where we find space that is inclusive of our diversity and our equity, and I think that makes our community stronger. I know sometimes it can, the fear of the unknown can get in the way of what that potential can be, but I think if there's one community that can do it, Missoula can. Thanks.

President Jones Thank you.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Administration and Finance committee (AF) report

12.1.1 June 9, 2021, Administration and Finance Report

12.2 Budget Committee of the Whole (BCOW) committee report

12.3 Committee of the Whole (COW) committee report

12.4 Land Use and Planning (LUP) committee report

12.5 Parks and Conservation (PC) committee report

12.5.1 June 9, 2021, Parks and Conservation Report

12.6 Public Safety and Health (PSH) committee report

12.6.1 June 9, 2021, Public Safety and Health report

12.7 Public Works (PW) committee report

13. NEW BUSINESS - None

14. ITEMS TO BE REFERRED

14.1 Administration and Finance committee referrals

14.1.1 Trinity Master Lease Agreement

14.2 Budget Committee of the Whole referrals

14.3 Committee of the Whole referrals

14.3.1 Landlord Liaison Housing Advocate Network

14.3.2 Community Survey Results

14.4 Land Use and Planning committee referrals

14.5 Parks and Conservation committee referrals

14.5.1 Appointment to the Cemetery Board

14.5.2 Re-appointments to the Energy and Climate Team

14.5.3 Jumbo Thinning watershed consulting contract June 2021

14.6 Public Safety and Health committee referrals

14.7 Public Works committee referrals

14.7.1 Construction Services Agreement with Zootown Investments for the Remington Flats Phase 1 Water Main & Sewer Main Upsize Project

14.7.2 Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 1 with Nelson-Nygaard for the 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan

14.7.3 Revisions to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreements with the Montana Department of Transportation

15. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

15.1 Administratively approved agreement report

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Jones So I will thank you for your service and we will stand adjourned. Thank you everyone, see you on Wednesday.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC, City Clerk

John Engen, Mayor