

**Missoula City Council Public Safety, Health and Operations Committee Minutes**

**September 28, 2022**

**11:15 AM**

**Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)**

**Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT**

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

**Members absent: Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West**

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**1.2 Approval of the Minutes**

**1.2.1 Approval of the Minutes for August 31, September 14, September 21, 2022**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**3.1 Referral – Black Knight Security Agreement**

Mike Brady with Human Resources asked the mayor to sign the addendum to the services agreement provided by Black Knight Security for City Hall facilities.

Gwen Jones made the motion.

Mirtha Becerra said the needed safety and security is for anyone in the public to feel that they can participate.

**Moved by:** Gwen Jones

Allow Mayor Hess to sign the addendum to the services agreement for security services provided by Black Knight Security for City Hall facilities.

AYES: (9): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Amber Sherrill

ABSENT: (2): Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

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

**3.2 Fire Department Purchase of Pierce Ascendant Ladder Truck**

Chief Gordy Hughes spoke on the request to approve the purchase of one Pierce Ascendant ladder truck for the Missoula Fire Department from Pierce Manufacturing in

Appleton, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$1,400,000.00 including surcharges, change orders, and uplifting of apparatus as approved in the core replacement schedule for this budget year. There is 30 month wait to get the apparatus built. If we put in our order, we will see it

Amber Sherrill asked if we will be locked in to that price. The base price will be locked in. Any additions which are afforded by State Statute, they can increase that cost to keep up with inflationary demands. Amber made the motion.

Gwen Jones asked about when we get the ladder truck, what will be the plan for retiring/selling the one we are requesting. If we had a reserve, it will add to our ISO rating. If we don't have the space, we will surplus it and recover some costs.

**Moved by:** Amber Sherrill

Approve the purchase of one Pierce Ascendant ladder truck for the Missoula Fire Department from Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$1,400,000.00 including surcharges, change orders, and uplifting of apparatus as approved in the core replacement schedule for this budget year.

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### **3.3 Joint City-County Bear Smart Resolution**

Ginny Meriam, Communications Director for the City of Missoula is bringing forward a resolution providing for a bear smart policy and directing staff to implement best practices and policies to protect residents and bears in the interest of public safety and preservation of bears in the Missoula Valley as wildlife living in natural conditions.

There was a presentation shared for Bear Smart Missoula.

Kristen Jordan asked about the capacity of Republic and Grizzly Services to handle increased bearproof containers? Chad Bauer from Republic Services says they have and can get adequate supplies. Is there a timeline for any requirement to have bearproof bins? Shannon Theriault, Director of Environmental Health with the City County Health Department says they have looked at different ways to increase the buffer zone. The intention is to start the process after the resolution is adopted.

Amber Sherrill asked about thoughts around bird feeders and attractants and if they made headway. There are people that feed birds in the summertime, and that is not necessary. Hummingbird feeders should be at least 10 feet high. Amber asked about urban deer and are there any ways to stop people from deer. Shannon Theriault said there is a city wildlife feeding ordinance where you cannot feed deer in your yard. Animal control and FWP can take complaints.

Gwen Jones asked about how do we implement this? Shannon said shortest term is Patty Canyon and South Hills they are in the process of sending out letters to let people know they live in the buffer zone and how to deal with garbage and other attractants.

This winter they will bring a proposal to the health board to solid waste regulation. There will also be changes brought forward to the municipal code.

Mirtha Becerra asked Republic Services if they have bear resistant containers in the compact sizes. Currently they do not. They should have them by the spring. She also asked if they can make it a requirement in the building development plan for bearproof containers or enclosures in the buffer zone. Shannon said they could.

Daniel Carlino asked if they see if the city or county needs to put funds forward, and what should the funds go for specifically. Shannon said she has been meeting with animal control and environmental health and how to enforce the larger zone. They may need additional resources. It depends on how effective the enforcement is. They also mentioned low income assistance to donate cans. It may be nice to consider a dual city/FWP position to look specifically at the bear issues in the city.

Kirsten Jordan made the recommended motion.

**Moved by:** Kristen Jordan

adopt a resolution providing for a bear smart policy and directing staff to implement best practices and policies to protect residents and bears in the interest of public safety and preservation of bears in the Missoula Valley as wildlife living in natural conditions.

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#### 4. ADJOURNMENT