

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

**November 16, 2022**

**1:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers  
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT**

**Members present:** Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Members absent:** Stacie Anderson, Kristen Jordan

### **1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **1.1 Roll Call**

#### **1.2 Approval of the Minutes**

Approved as submitted

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Travis Matiera, a Missoula resident, spoke in support of the Mobile Crisis Unit. He has questions why the Missoula Sheriff's Office isn't more open to bringing them into situations like violent incidents like the one in September when two staff from the DOT were assaulted by a mentally ill sex offender. Travis was told by Sheriff deputy Jessop that they would not waste time with the Mobile Crisis Unit. He also wants to know why outgoing Sheriff McDermott does not have faith in diversion programs that are not his own and he hopes that the incoming Sheriff Jeremiah Peterson will have some conversation with city county about why dangerous people on the streets left for law enforcement to deal with why there isn't something done to put more of these people in jail.

### **3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 Referral-Letter of Intent to lease a space for Mobile Support Team**

Brad Davis, Assistant Chief with Missoula Fire Department asked the committee to approve the Mayor to sign the lease agreement for the Mobile Support Team. They have been searching for 2 years for an appropriate space. This puts it at weird time since the levy failed and it is a 3 year lease. AC Davis believes the program has proven itself and the city and county needs to start making steps to make sure the team is taken care of. The main goal is to make sure the team is supported.

Gwen Jones asked about the lease. The county is paying 40% of the budget and city is paying 60? Gwen Jones wanted to clarity about the smallness of the space and this is a necessary step forward.

Amber Sherrill made the motion.

Mirtha Becerra asked about the county portion of the funding. Is the lease city only, or is the county paying as well? The lease will be entered into by the city only.

Sandra Vasecka asked what funds this was coming out of. AC Davis said they will take this out of the operating budget for the mobile support team for the remainder of the fiscal year. Next fiscal year, they will request it in the budget.

Sandra Vasecka asked about the up front costs. AC Davis said there is no immediate plans for a remodel. Sandra asked about what a typical day would like in this office. John Petroff, Program Manager for the Mobile Support Team, said the team arrives at 10 am. They do a team briefing Sometimes we have 10 people. They have to go out to the bay because of the small space. We task things out. The follow-up care team is making phone calls while the team is doing task force until we get calls. Right now, there are three to five calls in the queue, There is usually calls held over from the night before. They are in and out of the office all the time. They will have desks set up so they have private areas.

Gwen said what's in front of us approving the lease agreement. It is no secret they are heading into a difficult budget session. By approving this lease today they are taking a step forward in articulating policy that we think the mobile support team is a component that we need to figure out how to fund. Gwen said she is in support of this and this lease is a good deal and we are doing it now.

Amber Sherrill echoes what Gwen said and that the mayor is in support of this program.

Mike Nugent also agrees and is in support of the Mobile Support Team and is comfortable approving this lease.

**Moved by:** Amber Sherrill

Approve the Mayor to sign a lease agreement as defined in the attached Letter of Intent (LOI) to lease a space for the Mobile Support Team

AYES: (10): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

**Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)**

### **3.2 Referral-Intent to sell surplus equipment to Red Lodge Fire Rescue**

Brad Davis, Assistant Chief for Missoula Fire Department, spoke on the intent to sell surplus equipment. They are planning to sell their surplus Mako fill station to the Red Lodge Fire Rescue for \$2,500.00.

Amber Sherrill made the motion.

**Moved by:** Amber Sherrill

**Approve a resolution of intent to sell one surplus 2017 Mako Fill Station to the Red Lodge Fire Rescue.**

AYES: (10): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

**Vote results: Approved (10 to 0)**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned