

## **Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes**

**January 11, 2023, 9:00 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 (chair), Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Members absent:** Amber Sherrill

### **1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **1.1 Roll Call**

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

The minutes were approved as submitted.

##### **1.2.1 Minutes from December 14, 2022**

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 Bid Award to Knife River for the North 5th and 6th St West water main replacement and surface improvement project**

Andy Schultz presenting,

This water main project is located on North 5th and 6th street on the north side of town. The current water main is over 100 years old. Missoula Water has partnered with Surface Engineering to replace some of the damaged sidewalks in the project area and install ADA ramps along N 5th street. This project has been coordinated with the Turner-Warden sidewalk project to minimize construction impacts between the two projects. The City realizes there will be a lot of construction in this area but thought it was best to do it all together rather than effecting multiple years. The City received six bids on this project. The Apprenticeship Bidders Preference Provision was in effect for this project. This means that if a contractor has an apprentice program, it allows for a five percent bid preference to go into effect. Knife River was not the original low bidder, but due to this program, they were moved into the low bid position and selected for the job.

Ms. West asked if the traffic plan would include traffic speed mitigation on 3rd street. Mr. Schultz said mobile radar detectors had been used in past projects where traffic from a higher-volume street was diverted to a lower-volume residential street. He also mentioned that they could coordinate with the police department for increased patrol. Ms. West said that this area is very challenging for people not traveling in a car, and she appreciates the coordination of surface improvements.

Ms. Savage added that she hopes we can mitigate the impact of construction as much as

possible for the residents. She said that people on 3rd street are already concerned about the traffic during this project. Mr. Schultz replied that the City would consider this when planning traffic control.

Ms. Jones explained that the City of Missoula has a policy that provides a preference for construction companies with a registered apprenticeship program. She said the City needs to pull more people into the workforce and incentivize that for now and in the future. Mr. Schultz said this is the first project where the bid award has changed based on the bidder's preference.

Ms. Becerra said she is happy to see contractors implementing the apprentice program.

**Moved by:** Heidi West

Award the bid for the North 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street West water main replacement project to Knife River at a cost not to exceed \$1,061,861.08 for the water main work and \$207,925.92 for the surface improvement.

AYES: (8): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (4): Stacie Anderson, Kristen Jordan, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

**Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)**

### **3.2 Bid Award with Mytty Excavating, Inc dba Western Excavating for the South 2nd Street West and Cottonwood Street water main replacement project**

Andy Schultz presenting,

This is an important water main project on S 2nd Street W and Cottonwood Street. The water main that is being replaced was installed in 1914. This is a priority project because of the age of the water main and the leak history. This main will connect to a new one installed a few years ago on 3rd and Cottonwood Street.

**Moved by:** Gwen Jones

Award the bid for the South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West and Cottonwood Street water main replacement project to Mytty Excavating, Inc dba Western Excavating for the South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West and Cottonwood Street water main replacement project at a cost not to exceed \$694,311.00 and authorize the return of bid bonds.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

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

### **3.3 Bid Award with RLC Enterprise, LLC for the Lower Rattlesnake pressure reducing valve and water main replacement project**

Andy Schultz presenting,

The lower Rattlesnake pressure reducing valve (PRV) and water main project replaces the water main from 1926 along Harrison Street and Locust Street. A new fire hydrant will also be installed as part of the project. A pressure-reducing valve will also be installed to provide a redundant water feed to the lower Rattlesnake. This area is only supplied by a single water main that crosses Rattlesnake Creek by Vine Street.

**Moved by:** Mike Nugent

Award the for Lower Rattlesnake PRV and water main replacement project to RLC Enterprise LLC at a cost not to exceed \$179,909.17 and authorize the return of bid bonds.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

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

### **3.4 Interlocal Agreement Approval for joint RAISE Grant Application**

Aaron Wilson presenting,

This is an Interlocal Agreement between different counties and cities across Montana to put together a joint application for a raise planning grant application. The project's goal is complete the Great American Rail Trail across western Montana from Butte to Idaho. The trail runs through the City of Missoula along the Milwaukee corridor. The Great American Rail Trail will eventually run from Washington, DC, to Seattle. This agreement would commit the City to commit some funding for consultant services to help write the grant.

The funding would be Planning Grant funding from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) budget, and the money is already in the budget.

Ms. Becerra added that the MPO has the funds, which would be a good use of the funds. This will also position the City well for this project.

**Moved by:** Mike Nugent

I move the City Council: adopt and authorize the mayor to sign the INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN POWELL COUNTY, MINERAL COUNTY, CITY OF MISSOULA, MISSOULA COUNTY, GRANITE COUNTY, BUTTE-SILVER BOW COUNTY for the purposes of applying for a 2023 RAISE planning grant to conduct feasibility and conceptual design of a cross-county trail linking Butte to Idaho along the Great American Rail Trail

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

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

### **3.5 Professional Services Agreement with HDR, Inc. for the SCADA Upgrade Project**

Jerry Ellis presenting,

The current SCADA System is passed its useful life and has been for about three years now. There also are some components that are no longer supported by the current system. Missoula Water has the money in the budget, which would be paid out of the Water Enterprise Fund.

Ms. Becerra added that she supports having the software and hardware to provide the services the community expects the city to provide.

**Moved by:** Mike Nugent

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with HDR, Inc. for the SCADA/HMI Hardware & Software Upgrade Project at a cost not to exceed \$80,500.00.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

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

**3.6 Resolution to order right-of-way improvements Project 20-062: Worden Ave/Turner St – N 5th St W to Scott St.**

Monte Sipe presenting,

The Worden/Turner, Right-of-Way Improvement Project is one of the top-ranked Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). This area contains a mix of single and multifamily development. The existing stormwater structures and pavement condition is poor, and most of the area has no sidewalk. The goal of this project is to improve and encourage pedestrian and bicycle safety, Increase neighborhood connectivity and improve access for all users. This project will connect bike infrastructure from Orange Street to Scott Street. The City has developed a public outreach process that consists of information postcards, neighborhood meetings, additional outreach, and six formal letters to property owners. The project information is also on a project-specific website.

City Council has the authority to order sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and alley approaches to be constructed in front of any lot or parcel of land. In 2012 the City established its first funding assistance program to offset some of the assessment costs to property owners. Prior to 2011, property owners paid 100% of the cost associated with curbs and sidewalks. The current funding assistance cost split for the assessment work is approximately 70% City and 30% property owners. The amounts are determined based on the dwelling type and work that needs to be done. Property owners have multiple options for payment, including financing and deferred payments.

The total project cost is \$1.9 million, the estimated property owners' cost is about sixteen percent, and the City's estimated cost is eight percent.

Mr. Carlino asked what the City does with the interest money they charge the property owner. Mr. Sipe said the interest money goes to manage the assessment over the loan term. Interest is part of the bonding process.

Ms. West said she lives on Turner Street and is thrilled this project is finally happening. She said many times to get to the school or public bus stops, she has to walk down the middle of the street because it is the only place cleared of ice. This is not a safe area for pedestrians.

Ms. Savage added that the Northside is low on sidewalks and appreciates that this project was weighted in equity. She is grateful for this leave of infrastructure investment on the Northside.

Ms. Jones is happy to support this project and feels the City is in a good place with this sidewalk program.

Mr. Carlino supports the sidewalks being built. However, he still has issues with charging the property owners. He hopes he can work to change this sidewalk policy in the future.

Ms. Becerra added that sidewalks are essential for many reasons, especially in this neighborhood with a lot of new development. Safety and sidewalks are going to be more critical. She says over the years, staff and the city council has done a lot of research to develop this sidewalk program.

**Moved by:** Heidi West

Adopt the resolution to order right-of-way improvements Project 20-062: Worden Ave/Turner St – N 5<sup>th</sup> St W to Scott St.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, and Heidi West

ABSTAIN: (1): Sandra Vasecka

ABSENT: (1): Amber Sherrill

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

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**