

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

December 11, 2024

10:35 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, Bob Campbell, Daniel Carlino, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

### 1.1 Roll Call

### 1.2 Approval of the Minutes

#### 1.2.1 Minutes of November 20, 2024, meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

## 3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 3.1 Reappointment of Regular Member to the Board of Health

Ross Miller was reappointed to the Board of Health as a regular member with a new term beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.

**Moved by:** Amber Sherrill

Reappointing Ross Miller to the Board of Health as a Regular Member with a new term beginning January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2027.

AYES: (12): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Daniel Carlino, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

**Vote results: Approved (12 to 0)**

### 3.2 Renewal of Axon Technologies Contract

The Missoula Police Department (MPD) has had the Taser program since about 2001. The model of taser that they are currently using is being discontinued. Chief Colyer cited a couple incidents when they were able to use a taser in a situation instead of a more lethal option. The range on these newer models is about twice the distance. In addition, they have two probes and if one doesn't connect because of heavy clothing, there is another probe available. Although Axon sells the tasers as a bundle with other add-ons, the police department is only interested in the taser program. Another advantage with this

equipment is that it comes with an AI driven report writing software that gathers data from the officer's body camera and car camera to create about 80% of the first draft of a report. The software then queues the officer to complete the rest of the report. They are currently testing and evaluating the software.

**Moved by:** Amber Sherrill

Authorize Mayor Davis to sign a contract with Axon Technologies to continue support of the Taser program to replace end of life equipment, ensure adequate consumables for training and duty use and update to current equipment.

AYES: (12): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell, Daniel Carlino, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, and Sandra Vasecka

**Vote results: Approved (12 to 0)**

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

11:14 a.m.