

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

**January 7, 2026**

**2:00 PM**

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

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

**Members present: Stacie Anderson, Betsy Craske, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Sean McCoy, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Justin Ponton, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill**

**Members absent: Mirtha Becerra, Bob Campbell**

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**1.1 Roll Call**

**1.2 Approval of Minutes**

**1.2.1 Minutes of December 10, 2025, meeting**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**3.1 Missoula Fire Station 1 HVAC Engineering Contract**

Chief Lonnie Rash gave an overview of Missoula Fire Department's need for a new HVAC system. The current system has not been fully functional since summer of 2024. Phase two of this process includes the redesign and efficiency upgrade of the apparatus bay heating, including boilers and building cooling systems.

The benefits of this request would be improved efficiency, decreased operating and repair costs, reliable heating and cooling for employees, and reduced maintenance hours needed for repairs. The cost for phase two would be \$25,250 through a contract with Western Montana Engineering using the All Hazards Fund.

**Moved by:** Stacie Anderson

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Western Montana Engineering Inc. for \$25,250.00. This contract is for phase 2 of the heating system for Missoula Fire Department Station 1.

AYES: (10): Stacie Anderson, Betsy Craske, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Sean McCoy, Eric Melson, Mike Nugent, Justin Ponton, Jennifer Savage, and Amber Sherrill

ABSENT: (2): Mirtha Becerra, and Bob Campbell

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

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

2:17 p.m.