

Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

November 4, 2020, 11:45 am
ZOOM Webinar

Members present: Mirtha Becerra (chair), John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: Stacie Anderson, Jordan Hess, Jesse Ramos

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

1.2.1 PW Committee Minutes 10/21/20

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 A Resolution Establishing the Utility Service Area Boundary

Logan McInnis Utility Engineer-Public works, presenting

The Utility Service Area Boundary, Wastewater Facility Plan, and the Water Facility Plan Resolutions are all related. The City has always had a Wastewater Service Area Boundary but not a Water Service Area Boundary. The service areas are slightly different but close enough to create a common boundary for the two utilities. A map was shown of the suggested boundary, including the areas where each utility is not serviced.

Ms. West asked if a cost analysis had been done to determine the cost of extending the water service to the areas not covered, such as the Y area. Mr. Bickell answered that the cost of extending water to the Y area would be substantial. Having the Utility Service Area Boundary extend to an area where a utility is not available does not mean the utility will be added, stated Mr. McInnis.

Moved by: Heather Harp

Adopt/deny a resolution of the Missoula City Council to establish the Utility Service Area Boundary to combine the sewer and water service areas as shown in Exhibit A.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Jordan Hess, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.2 A Resolution Adopting the Wastewater Facility Plan

Logan McInnis, Utility Engineer with Public Works presenting

The Utility Service Area Boundary, Wastewater Facility Plan, and the Water Facility Plan Resolutions are all related. The City has historically had a Wastewater Service Area Boundary and Facility Plan. Mr. McInnis said they started working on the Facility Plans in 2017 but they were not completed till last year. The finalization of the plan was delayed due to the new boundaries having not yet been approved.

Moved by: Julie Merritt

Adopt/deny a resolution of the Missoula City Council to adopt the 2019 Missoula Wastewater Facilities Plan.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Jordan Hess, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

3.3 Resolutions Adopting the Water Facility Plan

Logan McInnis Utility Engineer- Public Works, presenting.

Mountain Water Company did not have a Water Facility Plan, so when the City took water over, they started developing one with HDR, Inc. This plan looks at the overall system, distribution, storage, regulation, and future growth. They were looking at all the factors it takes to meet our needs over the next 20 years and identify the capital cost associated.

Ms. Becerra asked if the plans were paid for by enterprise funds, and Mr. McInnis replied that they were.

Ms. Harp commented that plans are always a good idea.

Ms. Merritt added that plans like this are expensive but necessary. She believes the consultants and staff did an excellent job. The hard work paid off and, the plan will serve the City for years to come.

Mr. Bickell talked about the adoption of these plans, the paving assessment project, and the transportation CIP. He says these long term infrastructure plans allow the City to prioritize our investments and achieve multiple goals at one time. Ms. Becerra agreed and said these well-informed plans will help to grow our community.

Moved by: Julie Merritt

Adopt/deny a resolution of the Missoula City Council to adopt the 2019 Missoula Water System Master Plan.

AYES: (9): Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Stacie Anderson, Jordan Hess, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (9 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT

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