

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

**January 27, 2021, 12:30 pm  
ZOOM Webinar**

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

### **1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **1.1 Roll Call**

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

The minutes were approved as submitted.

##### **1.2.1 Minutes from Public Works Committee 1-13-21**

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 Service Agreement with 2G Energy**

Gene Connell Resource Recovery Superintendent presenting

The Co-Gen unit is part of Missoula's Conservation and Climate Action Plan. In 2020 the Co-Gen generated 1.4 gigawatts of energy from biogas, which is worth about \$114,000, including the demand charges it has a value of about \$130,000. This agreement is renewed every year and 2G energy is the only authorized provider for this equipment. The service agreement contains a 92% uptime guarantee. The Co-Gen saves money and prevents additional CO2 from being released.

Ms. Harp asked if there is a Plan B if the Co-Gen is not working. Mr. Connell replied the facility would use energy off the grid, which is not as efficient.

**Moved by:** Amber Sherrill

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Service Agreement with 2G Energy for Co-Gen maintenance at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00

**AYES:** (11): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

**ABSENT:** (1): Jordan Hess

**Vote results:** Approved (11 to 0)

### **3.2 Resolution to Order 2020 miscellaneous curb and sidewalk improvements – Project 2020-001**

Monte Sipe Construction Project Manager with Public Works & Mobility presenting

The 2020 miscellaneous curb and sidewalk improvements are two parcels using the City Curb and Finance Program. Once the customers complete the improvements, the City pays the contractor on behalf of the customer. Then in the spring, the City has a Bond sale to offset the cost, and the proceeds go back to cover what was paid out to the customer. This year only two customers applied, and they were both permit issued curb and sidewalk installations.

Ms. Harp asked how often customers apply for this program in a year. Mr. Sipe replied that the applicants vary from year to year, last year 20 customers applied, and this year only 2 applied.

**Moved by:** Bryan von Lossberg

The committee recommends the City Council approve the resolution to order 2020 curb and sidewalk improvements adjacent to miscellaneous parcels in Project 2020-001

AYES: (12): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

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

### **3.3 Development Agreement with Homeword, Inc. for the Trinity Project (Mullan Road) – Maple Street Surface Improvements**

Kevin Slovarp City Engineer for Surface Transportation presenting

This development agreement is part of an extensive, affordable housing development on Mullan Road between Dollar Rental and the Missoula County Detention Facility. These improvements to Maple Street will support the development and aid in the project. The Homeword organization is paying a third of the improvements.

Ms. Jones commented that she supports the Trinity project and the partnership with Homeword which is a great organization. She added this project will be a good impact and help a venerable population.

Heather McMilin with Homeward commented this is a unique implementation. She explained that Homeword would hire the contractor and get the work done for the City. This development was a great way to use City funds and Homeword funds together.

The committee members thanked Ms. McMilin for all her work and for bringing the project forward. This is a great project and bringing together a full trifecta of funds.

**Moved by:** Gwen Jones

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Development Agreement with Homeword, Inc. for the Trinity Project (Mullan Road) – Maple Street Surface Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

AYES: (12): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Jesse Ramos, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

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

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Jeremy Keene Director of Public Works provided information to Council after the meeting.

Mr. Keene announced that Dennis Bowman Deputy Director of Public Works Utilities was retiring and Ross Mollenhauer would be the Interim in his absence. Public Works Committee Members commended Mr. Bowman for all the work he had done and said he would be greatly missed.