

Journal of Proceedings  
Missoula City Council Meeting

March 1, 2021, 6:00 pm  
ZOOM Webinar

Members Present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John P. Contos, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members Absent: Jesse Ramos

Administration Present: Mayor John Engen, Jim Nugent, City Attorney, Marty Rehbein

Administration Absent: Dale Bickell, Chief Administrative Officer, Ginny Merriam, Communications Director

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The virtual meeting of the Missoula City Council was called to order by Mayor John Engen at 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Minutes from the February 8, 2021 meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2.2 Minutes from the February 22, 2021 meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3.1 Committee schedule for the week of March 1, 2021

Public Safety & Health Committee, March 3, 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Public Works Committee, March 3, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Parks & Conservation Committee, March 3, 10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Administration & Finance Committee, March 3, 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

Land Use and Planning Committee, March 3, 1:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Ms. Rehbein. Mr. Hess do we have a moving part this evening?

Alderperson Hess We do. So it's my understanding that the developer of the McNett Flats Subdivision has, has requested or granted the City's request to for an extension on the subdivision review process

and I guess I'll save comments on that until that, until that item but suffice it to say for now, I think we're going to need some time in LU&P and so Marty I think two hours would be good, if we could, probably an hour and a half would be sufficient if that that's all we could do.

Marty Rehbein Okay so I would propose holding LU&P, let's take a half-hour break for lunch, so going lunch from 12:45 - 1:15 p.m. Let's start up LU&P at 1:15 p.m. and Jordan, if you'd like two hours, we can take you to 3:15 p.m.

Alderson Hess Let's do that and if we, if we end early great and if we need the time we have it.

Marty Rehbein Okay. There you go folks; LU&P will also meet this week from 1:15 - 3:15 p.m. Thanks.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Ms. Rehbein. Mr. Hess any additional changes to the committee schedule? Seeing none of those, we will move on to a public comment.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor John Engen This is your opportunity to comment on items not elsewhere on the agenda this evening and I'm calling up our participants and I do see one hand up. Kara Gruwell.

Kara Gruwell Hello, can you hear me?

Mayor John Engen We can. Thank you.

Kara Gruwell Ok, great. Hi my name is Kara Gruwell. I am a citizen of Ward 1 here in Missoula. First off, I want to thank you all for the jobs that you do, it's a pretty thankless job and if you remember me from last fall, I know that firsthand. So today I just wanted to talk about while I understand the, the change in the sewer utility bill was a very convenient transition for a lot of property owners in Missoula. I know myself and several other renters in the town. Their landlords have now decided that we are going to foot that bill since it started part of that monthly charge and it's just more convenient for them to put that on our end, even though it may not be that so in the lease. They've gone through the process of changing the lease, updating that, and now we have an extra 15 to 20 dollars a month that we're footing. So, kind of an unwelcome surprise but I understand that's how it will be from now on, but I just wanted to know there was an unintended consequence. I'm not sure if that was a concern that came up prior but yeah just wanted to pass that along, it's kind of a bummer but I guess it is how it is so thanks for your time.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Ms. Gruwell. Seeing no additional hands raised for general public comment, we will move on to our consent agenda.

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by:

AYES: (11): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Contos, Alderperson Harp, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Merritt, Alderperson Sherrill, Alderperson Vasecka, Alderperson von Lossberg, and Alderperson West

ABSENT: (1): Alderperson Ramos

Vote result: Approved (11 to 0)

#### 5.1 Claims - March 2, 2021

Moved by:

Approve claims in the amount of \$361,282.08 for checks dated March 2, 2021.

Vote result: Approved

#### 5.2 Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board

Moved by:

Confirm the Mayor's appointment of David Westfall to fill a vacated term on the Parks & Recreation Board for a term beginning immediately and expiring on April 30, 2023.

Vote result: Approved

#### 5.4 Conservation and Stewardship Mill Levy budget implementation

Moved by:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to direct staff to proceed with hiring the Seasonal Conservation Lands Maintenance Worker in fiscal year 2021 recognizing this position will be in the fiscal year 2022 baseline budget funded by the Conservation and Stewardship Mill Levy.

Vote result: Approved

#### 5.5 Purchase of Four (4) SUV for Police Administration

Moved by:

Approve the purchase of four Jeep Cherokees from Yellowstone County Motors of Livingston, Montana at a cost of \$27,643.00 each for a total of \$110,572.00, this is a cooperative purchase with the State of Montana.

Vote result: Approved

#### 5.6 Purchase of one (1) .75 Ton Pickup Truck for Communications Shop

Moved by:

Approve the purchase of one 2020 Ford Super Duty F250 four-wheel drive pickup from National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, California in the amount of \$35,521.50.

Vote result: Approved

5.7 Purchase of one (1) Mechanics Shop Truck for Fleet Maintenance

Moved by:

Approve the purchase of one 2022 F550 Ford Super duty Truck from National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, California for \$48,443.59.

Vote result: Approved

5.8 Purchase of one (1) One Ton Truck for Cemetery

Moved by:

Approve the purchase of one 2021 F350 Super Duty Cab and chassis pickup truck from National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, California for \$37,114.74.

Vote result: Approved

5.9 Agreement with Mark D. Price for the sale of 1236 North Dickens Street

Moved by:

Adopt a resolution of the Missoula City Council to authorize the sale of the real property located at 1236 North Dickens St. in the City of Missoula consisting of Lot A, Amended Plat of School Addition Block 23, Lots 11 and 12, a platted subdivision in the City of Missoula, Montana, according to the official plat thereof.

Vote result: Approved

5.10 Agreement with Aimee Kendrick for the sale of 247 Pattee Creek Drive

Moved by:

Adopt a resolution of the Missoula City Council to authorize the sale of the real property located at 247 Pattee Creek Drive in the City of Missoula consisting of the remainder of Lot 22, Block 1, Willows Addition to Farview Homesites, a platted subdivision in the City of Missoula, Montana, according to the official plat thereof.

Vote result: Approved

5.11 Agreement with Kim D. Seeberger and David L. Seeberger for the sale of Tract 5 Hillview Heights

Moved by:

Adopt a resolution of the Missoula City Council to authorize the sale of the real property located in the City of Missoula consisting of Hillview Heights #1, S06, T12N, R19W, Tract 5 as found in Book 7 Micro Page 1476 in the Missoula County Clerk and Recorder records, a platted subdivision in the City of Missoula, Montana, according to the official plat thereof.

Vote result: Approved

5.13 Resolution Relating to the Financing of Proposed Parks & Recreation Department Capital Improvements; Establishing Compliance with Reimbursement Bond Regulations Under the Internal Revenue Code

Moved by:

Adopt a resolution relating to the financing of proposed Parks and Recreation department capital improvements, establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the internal revenue code.

Vote result: Approved

5.3 Contract with MMW for Architectural design services for a community center in McCormick Park

Moved by:

AYES: (9): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Harp, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Merritt, Alderperson Sherrill, Alderperson von Lossberg, and Alderperson West

NAYS: (2): Alderperson Contos, and Alderperson Vasecka

ABSENT: (1): Alderperson Ramos

Vote result: Approved (9 to 2)

5.12 Contract with EPICC, LLC for renovations at the Catlin St. Police Facility

Moved by:

AYES: (9): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Harp, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Merritt, Alderperson Sherrill, Alderperson von Lossberg, and Alderperson West

NAYS: (2): Alderperson Contos, and Alderperson Vasecka

ABSENT: (1): Alderperson Ramos

Vote result: Approved (9 to 2)

Mayor John Engen Thank you Ms. Rehbein I will note for the record that Ms. Anderson is present.

Questions or comments from council members? Ms. Vasecka.

Alderperson Vasecka Thanks I would like to separate 5.3 and 5.12 and may I speak to those briefly?

Mayor John Engen You may.

Alderperson Vasecka I'm separating 5.3 to vote no on because I'm uncomfortable with the unknown future funding mechanisms for that. I'm also voting no on 5.12 because while I agree that these facilities are absolutely desperately needed, I'm uncomfortable with using the TIF funds for this. I believe it is inappropriate use of, of TIF dollars. I would prefer it to come out the general fund. So we had a really good discussion about these two items on Wednesday. So, I would encourage anybody who was interested in those conversations to go back and look at the discussion but that is my reasoning for voting no on those items tonight.

Mayor John Engen Further discussion? Seeing none. Anyone in the audience care to comment on any of the items on the consent agenda this evening? Yeah seeing no hands there. We will have a roll call vote on items 5.1 and 2, 5.4 through 11, and 5.13.

Marty Rehbein Hey this is on the consent agenda as amended. Anderson?

Alderperson Anderson The point of, oh well point of clarification amendment are just the things that are?

Marty Rehbein There are two items that were removed, so that some, of the consent agenda. Yes.

Alderperson Anderson Thank you. Thank you, yes.

Marty Rehbein You're welcome. All right.

Mayor John Engen And on items 5.3 and 5.12.

Marty Rehbein Hmm okay. On the balance of the consent agenda. Becerra?

Alderperson Becerra Yes.

Marty Rehbein Contos?

Alderperson Contos I'm sorry I missed something here the balance of what?

Marty Rehbein So it's on the two items that Ms. Vasecka removed from the consent agenda.

Alderson Contos That's what we're voting on now?

Marty Rehbein Correct.

Alderson Contos No.

Marty Rehbein Okay. Harp?

Alderson Harp Yes.

Marty Rehbein Hess?

Alderson Hess Yes.

Marty Rehbein Jones?

Alderson Jones Yes.

Marty Rehbein Merritt?

Alderson Merritt Yes.

Marty Rehbein Sherrill?

Alderson Sherrill Yes.

Marty Rehbein Vasecka?

Alderson Vasecka No.

Marty Rehbein von Lossberg?

Alderson von Lossberg Yes.

Marty Rehbein West?

Alderson West Yes.

Marty Rehbein And Anderson?

Alderson Anderson Yes.

Marty Rehbein And would any of you like to change your vote? That is nine ayes, two nays, and one absent.

Mayor John Engen And the consent agenda is approved.

6. COMMENTS FROM CITY STAFF, AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES AND THE COMMUNITY FORUM - None.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Proclamation - March for Meals

Mayor John Engen We do have one special presentation and it comes in the form of a proclamation.

Whereas, The Meals on Wheels Program at Missoula Aging Services is a valuable resource to older adults in Missoula County and whereas more than 800 homebound elders and adults with disabilities received Meals on Wheels in the past year. With 130,881 meals served in Missoula County and whereas

volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels are the backbone of this program. Through their dedication to bring not only hot nutritious meals to clients but also caring, concern, and attention to their welfare and whereas Missoula Aging Services counts on these volunteers and the support of the community to serve the growing numbers of elders who need this service in order to remain in their homes and whereas we wish to raise awareness and support for Meals on Wheels in Missoula and surrounding areas. Now, therefore, we the Missoula Board of County Commissioners and the Mayor of the City of Missoula do hereby proclaim the month of March 2021, as March for Meals Month, pardon me, in Missoula Montana and invite citizens to thank the caring volunteer drivers, recognize the value of this service to homebound elders and adults with disabilities, and encourage citizens to volunteer as Meals on Wheels drivers so that elders may remain in their homes. And this proclamation is signed by me as well, as David Strohmaier, Chair of the Missoula County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Josh Slotnick, and commissioner Juanita Vero.

Mayor John Engen And with that, let me get to you Mr. Thompson. Apparently it requires some dexterity on my part that I don't have. There you are Dean; can you hear us? And can we hear you?

Dean Thompson Yes, I can hear you.

Mayor John Engen We've got you. Thanks for your patience.

Dean Thompson Thank you Mayor Engen. Thank you fellow council members. I appreciate your letting me speak shortly tonight. Yes, the proclamation for Meals on Wheel, the March for Meals is, starts today. It's a, it's a month of awareness for the Meals on Wheels program, Missoula Aging Services. We promote the independence, dignity, and health of older adults and all those who care for them and so with that effort we, we work to make sure people who are homebound or have a disability or receive meals. It's been an especially trying year, as you all know with the COVID pandemic and our numbers in serving people went up 40 percent, and we serve about 325 people every day; we deliver meals to them. So, our goal is to raise 85,000 dollars throughout this month to help support that program annually and, and be able to have our volunteers touch base with the clients we serve. That's a, that's a, huge makes a huge difference in people's lives, having that volunteer check in every day and we couldn't do it without the 70 plus volunteers that we have every single day helping us through Missoula Aging Services. So, we appreciate the kickoff and, and the community support. We've been supported very generously throughout this past year by the community and we hope to continue to do that and reach our goal of 85,000. If people want to support March for Meals, they can contact us at 728-7682 or go right to our website [zoolagingservices.org](http://zoolagingservices.org) and you can see how you, you can help in a variety of ways and thank you so much for allowing me to speak tonight.



Mayor John Engen Thank you. We appreciate all you do. Many of you are familiar with the fact that my parents were able to remain in their home longer than would have been possible without Meals on Wheels, so very grateful for the program and the good work done there.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

9. FINAL CONSIDERATION

9.1 Referral and Staff Report – Parcel 1-A COS 6689 – Miramonte Annexation

Moved by: Alderperson Hess

Adopt a resolution to annex and incorporate within the boundaries of the City of Missoula one certain parcel of land described as Parcel 1-A of COS 6689 located in Section 7, Township 13 North, Range 19 West, P.M.M., and shown on Exhibit A, and zone the property C2-2 Community Commercial, based on the findings of fact in the staff report, subject to the recommended conditions of annexation approval.

AYES: (11): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Contos, Alderperson Harp, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Merritt, Alderperson Sherrill, Alderperson Vasecka, Alderperson von Lossberg, and Alderperson West

ABSENT: (1): Alderperson Ramos

Vote result: Approved (11 to 0)

9.2 A Resolution and an Ordinance Establishing the Sxwtpqyen Area Transportation Special Impact Fee

Moved by: Alderperson Becerra

[Second and final reading] Adopt an ordinance creating chapter 15.70 Missoula Municipal Code entitled “Sxwtpqyen Area Transportation Special Impact Fee” to establish impact fees for new development in accordance with the results of an official impact fee study commissioned by the City of Missoula for the Mullan BUILD Project.

AYES: (11): Alderperson Anderson, Alderperson Becerra, Alderperson Contos, Alderperson Harp, Alderperson Hess, Alderperson Jones, Alderperson Merritt, Alderperson Sherrill, Alderperson Vasecka, Alderperson von Lossberg, and Alderperson West

ABSENT: (1): Alderperson Ramos

Vote result: Approved (11 to 0)

9.3 McNett Flats Major Subdivision - Dave DeGrandpre and Emily Gluckin- City of Missoula, Community Planning, Development & Innovation

This item has been returned to the Land Use and Planning Committee to be discussed on March 3, 2021 at 1:15 PM. The public hearing will be extended a week, and this item will appear on the Council agenda next week, March 8, 2021, under "Final Consideration."

Mayor John Engen We have a number of items for final consideration, pardon me, and these items were subject to public hearing. In most cases, we will have closed the public hearing this evening and taken final action on the items before the body. There are a couple of exceptions tonight. We're varying the theme a little bit. We will hold the public hearing on the McNett Flats Major Subdivision open because we have some new information and chairman Hess and staff would like to review that information and spend some time in committee and provides some opportunity for public comment as well on the new proposal. So McNett Flats will be, remain open, and we will not be taking comment on, I'm sorry, we will not be taking action on McNett Flats this evening and that public comment period will remain open. Mr. Hess, did you want to add anything for the good of the order?

Aldersperson Hess Yeah Mayor, I might have to sneeze though. I apologize.

Mayor John Engen Fair enough.

Aldersperson Hess Okay I think I'm good. So, there's, as you mentioned, a few moving parts and I wanted to, I wanted to give a little bit of an update. So, first of all, city staff released a memo on Saturday, I believe, addressing several of the issues that came up at the LU&P meeting last week and those, that's available for everyone to take a look at and I hope you've had the opportunity to review that. Second, I think the biggest issue that that is up for discussion on, on Wednesday is the, the question of the parkland dedication. I had worked with staff to compile comments from council members, or comments and questions from council members and members of the public about parkland and, and buffering and screening and transitions and, and just generally some, some issues about how this development would sit, this proposed development would, would sit next to existing established neighborhoods in 44 Ranch and in Flynn Ranch. So in response to those comments at the LU&P meeting, city staff proposed a hybrid in, in the subdivision regulations, basically a hybrid of parkland dedication and cash in lieu. And my understanding is that the developers were in receipt of that and, and made a new proposal about how they would like to handle parkland. And there's frankly a lot of, a lot of merit in both of those proposals but I just think it's really important that we have the opportunity for neighbors to review this, for council members to review it, for us to have a dialogue that's not on the fly tonight with staring down a

deadline to, to either vote yes or no on this. And so, the city requested an extension. This, this requires the developers consent. The developer consented to a one-week discussion, to a one-week extension which, which gives us time to have a discussion this week at LU&P and a continued opportunity to receive public comment and a final action next week. So I'll leave it at that I guess. I think, I think there will be materials attached to the agenda as well as on the city's public digest of all the city council emails, and I think we'll have a good discussion on Wednesday. Thanks.

Marty Rehbein Mayor John Engen. I'd like to raise a point of order. Dean Thompson with the Meals on Wheels program, I think, wanted to speak to the proclamation and his hand is up in the audience.

Mayor John Engen I will be happy to get back to Mr. Thompson; I appreciate that and I'm sorry I had no awareness that that was the case. Let me, let me dispense with McNett here quickly, however. Council members, I saw a couple of hands up with regard to McNett. I saw Ms. Becerra and Ms Anderson. Nope? Okay. All right, anyone in the audience care to comment on the McNett Flats Subdivision, keeping in mind that the public hearing will remain open and new information will be presented on Wednesday before final consideration next Monday evening. All right seeing none, we will consider that item in committee on Wednesday and the public hearing will remain open.

Mayor John Engen We will be back in order in with items of final consideration. First of which will be a motion to annex a parcel. And Mr. Hess.

Aldersperson Hess Thank you mayor. I move that we adopt a resolution to annex and incorporate within the boundaries of the City of Missoula, one certain parcel of land described as parcel 1-A of certificate of survey 6689 located in section 7, township 13 north, range 19 west, principal meridian Montana and shown on exhibit A and zone the property C2-2 community commercial based on the findings of fact in the staff report subject to condition, the recommended conditions of annexation approval, and may I speak to the motion?

Mayor John Engen You may.

Aldersperson Hess This is a pretty straightforward annexation. We've, we've had a public hearing and didn't uncover anything untoward here. This is a proposal to add some loft style residential units on Mary Jane Boulevard and Broadway that will serve a particular housing need and I think this is, you know it's important to highlight that this is within the Sxwtpqyen Area Master Plan. It's also within the build grant area where we're actively preparing to build infrastructure next year, and it's within our annexation area B, which is our priority for, for annexing. So, I think it's fairly straightforward and I think there's you know there's no red flags for me so I'm happy to support this.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Mr. Hess. Our public hearing is closed. Is there discussion on the motion? Seeing none, we will have a roll call vote.

Mayor John Engen Our third and final item for final consideration this evening is a resolution and ordinance establishing the Sxwtpqyen Area Transportation Special Impact Fee. And Ms. Becerra, do you have a motion for us?

Aldersperson Becerra Yes. Thank you Mayor. There are two motions associated with this item. The first one is, I recommend that city council adopt an ordinance creating chapter 15.70 Missoula Municipal Code entitled Sxwtpqyen Area Transportation Special Impact Fee to establish the impact fees for new development in accordance with the results of an official impact fee study commissioned by the City of Missoula for the Mullan Build Project. And the second motion would be a recommendation to adopt a resolution generally establishing the Sxwtpqyen Area Transportation Special Impact Fees as proposed by the Missouri Public Works and Mobility Department effective March 31, 2021. And may I speak to the motions please?

Mayor John Engen Ms. Becerra.

Aldersperson Becerra I am fully supportive of establishing impact fees in this area. I think that would allow us to provide and extend infrastructure to new development and plan, in a, plan in a cohesive way. I think it's an equitable way to address the cost of extending this infrastructure in this area and I think the fee structure that is being proposed with this, with this ordinance encourages and aligns well with the Sxwtpqyen Plan that we recently adopted. So, for all of those reasons, I will be supporting this, the impact fees.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Ms. Becerra. We have had a public hearing now we'll have discussion on the motion. Mr. Hess.

Aldersperson Hess Thanks. I want to echo Ms. Becerra's comments. I think that the Sxwtpqyen Area Master Plan and the build grant both provide a visionary framework for this area and the special impact fees help fund that in a way that's equitable, in a way where growth pays for itself, in a way where we are able to plan and develop infrastructure on a large scale and achieve some economies of scale and achieve some, some orderly and predictable development of the area. So, it's all good, all good moving parts here and I thank public works for putting together this this proposal and I'm happy to support it.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Mr. Hess. Further discussion? Seeing none, I will express my appreciation to Mr. Keene, Mr. Bickle, and staff for putting this creative solution together. That gets more done more quickly more equitably than would have happened in the alternative. This required a little bit of creativity in light of a build grant application that was funded about half of what was requested, and it

would have been easy enough to, to abandon large portions of the project and hope for the best and staff did not, did not pursue that option they pursued the better one. And you all have an opportunity to support that this evening and hope that you do. Seeing no one in the audience interested in commenting, we will have a roll call vote. We have no additional items for final consideration this evening.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR - None

11. GENERAL COMMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor John Engen I'll pass on communications from the mayor and begin general council comments with Mr. von Lossberg.

Aldersperson von Lossberg I'll pass, thanks.

Mayor John Engen Ms. Jones? Ms. Sherrill.

Aldersperson Sherrill I just wanted to make a quick comment on the proclamation that you made. I'm, I just want to express, I don't know if he's still in the meeting or not, to Dean and to Missoula Aging Services, as well as the Meals on Wheels program through them, how important this has been for our community for through this pandemic. I was going to raise my hand and actually ask how many, what their increase had been over the past year, but he said 40 percent more seniors, that they are serving. I mean that is, that is a huge increase. I don't actually know how they did it. I mean if you think about just making the meals, delivering the meals, all of the logistics that go into something like that. I, I'm, I'm just amazed that they responded to that call and I'm thankful that we have them I used to deliver Meals on Wheels years ago in Missoula and found it really rewarding and have appreciated the program ever since. So, thank you Dean if you're still in the meeting and please express my thanks to Missoula Aging Services.

Mayor John Engen And we'll continue council comments with Mr. Nugent, just kidding. Ms. Merritt.

Aldersperson Merritt I pass.

Mayor John Engen Mr. Contos.

Aldersperson Contos Pass. Thank you.

Mayor John Engen Ms. Harp.

Aldersperson Harp I just want to take a moment to congratulate the U-19 girls red hockey team. They have created quite a legacy in this community. This is their sixth-year winning state championship, and this year was a very unique particular year. We've had the best team in the state for, well at least five years and due to COVID and the restrictions that we had in terms of play, we actually had to split the squad into two. So we actually the highest first and second highest ranked teams and needless to say

one team ended up with a heartbreak but the other certainly made us proud and continues the legacy. So, congratulations to all the girls seventh grade through seniors you did a fantastic job.

Mayor John Engen Mr. Hess.

Alderson Hess Thanks. I wanted to acknowledge Kara Gruwell's comments about unanticipated costs being passed on to renters, when, with the combined utility billing. When, when we first talked about the combined utility billing, this was something that I was really keenly interested in and we talked about it at length in, in that process and my understanding from our, our staff comments were that staff didn't believe that that was a risk and that sewer bills remain the, the responsibility of the property owners. So, I'm, I'm concerned that this is, that this is happening and that we have a, an on the ground case of this happening. I think that's contrary to the intent of what, of what we set out to do. We set out to, to make those, those changes to, to save to save time and effort at the city, to save time and effort in in bill paying with, with, with the public, and we certainly intended to preserve anything that, that would, that could impact housing affordability. I guess I don't have an answer other than, than that it's, it's concerning that that is happening, and I hope that we can have some discussions about why that is, in fact, happening and if there's, if there's any if there's any remedy. Thanks.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Mr. Hess. Ms. Becerra.

Alderson Becerra I'll pass, thank you.

Mayor John Engen Ms. West.

Alderson West Pass.

Mayor John Engen Ms. Anderson.

Alderson Anderson Thank you so much Mr. Mayor. I'll make my comments brief since we are looking like having a short meeting this evening. I do want to update the public about some changes in regard to how people can get information in regard to the COVID vaccine, the rollout, and when you or your loved one may be eligible. There's a couple different ways in which folks can do that. One of them is to call the health department hotline number which is 528-INFO, which is 528-4636. That line...

Mayor John Engen That would be 258, let's make that clear for the record.

Alderson Anderson Boy, oh boy. Okay, it's been a long case of the Mondays. Thank you. It takes a village to keep me....

Mayor John Engen It does.

Alderson Anderson To keep me on task..... So okay, let's try this one more time. Yes, 258-INFO or 258-4636. The good news is, when you get the number right, it's manned by a live person, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., seven days a week. What they've recently added which I'm really excited about is that if you

are unable to call that number during working hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., but yet you have questions, you can now call anytime and there'll be an updated recorded message available to listen to that will give you updates on what tier we're at in terms of the vaccine rollout, the number of vaccine clinics available, and any additional information. So now if you're not able to call during the day and talk to one of the fabulous health department staff, you still will have access to information. I applaud the health department for trying to continue to find ways to make sure that everyone in our community has access to this information. I know there's some frustration about the fact that vaccines seem to be rolling out slowly and it is just literally a lack of files, not infrastructure or people working around the clock to try to make sure that as soon as we get those shots we're able to give them to the folks in our community. And so, you can call that number or anytime you can check the website which is [COVID19.missoula.co](https://COVID19.missoula.co) and that has the most up-to-date information. So, let folks in your networks know. I realize not everyone has access to the internet and some people work shift hours, they may not be able to call during the day. So I really thank the health department for thinking about ways to make sure that everyone in our community knows about how to get a vaccine and continue to get that vaccine out as quickly, as quickly and equitably as possible. Thank you so much.

Mayor John Engen Thank you Ms. Anderson. I will note that our vaccine team, through incident command, is working a lot of that communications magic as well and deserves kudos too. Ms. Vasecka, you're wrapping us up.

Alderperson Vasecka I'll pass, thank you.

Mayor John Engen With that, ladies and gentlemen, we have no committee reports this evening.

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

### 12.1 Administration and Finance committee (AF) report

#### 12.1.1 February 24, 2021 Administration and Finance report

### 12.2 Budget Committee of the Whole (BCOW) committee report

### 12.3 Committee of the Whole (COW) committee report

#### 12.3.1 February 24, 2021 Committee of the Whole report

### 12.4 Committee of the Whole Appointments (COWA) Subcommittee report

### 12.5 Land Use and Planning (LUP) committee report

#### 12.5.1 February 24, 2021 Land Use and Planning report

### 12.6 Land Use and Planning Appointments (LUPA) Subcommittee report

### 12.7 Parks and Conservation (PC) committee report

#### 12.7.1 February 24, 2021 Parks and Conservation report

- 12.8 Public Safety and Health (PSH) committee report
  - 12.8.1 February 24, 2021 Public Safety and Health report
- 12.9 Public Works (PW) committee report
  - 12.9.1 February 24, 2021 Public Works report

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Legislative Update and Action on Bills

Mayor John Engen Our new business is our legislative report. We're teetering on the edge of transmittal ladies and gentlemen. Our lobbying team has provided a lengthy report that describes something of a hell week at the Montana Legislature, this is in terms of sheer volume. And does anyone have any questions comments with regard to the legislature? All right seeing none of those. Are there any additional items to be referred this evening? Seeing none.

14. ITEMS TO BE REFERRED - None

- 14.1 Administration and Finance committee referrals
  - 14.1.1 Resolution for 2nd Quarter FY 2021 budget amendments. This resolution amends the fiscal year 2021 budget to recognize revenues, and appropriate expenditures and budget transfers not identified in the original budget
  - 14.1.2 Appointment to the Public Art Committee
  - 14.1.3 Change Letter of Intent for Scott Street Lots
- 14.2 Budget Committee of the Whole referrals
- 14.3 Committee of the Whole referrals
- 14.4 Committee of the Whole Appointments Subcommittee referrals
- 14.5 Land Use and Planning committee referrals
- 14.6 Land Use and Planning Appointments Subcommittee referrals
- 14.7 Parks and Conservation committee referrals
  - 14.7.1 Easement amendment for West Broadway Island shared parking lot
  - 14.7.2 Clark Fork River Restoration and Access Professional Services Contract
  - 14.7.3 Missoula City Cemetery Strategic Plan
- 14.8 Public Safety and Health committee referrals
  - 14.8.1 Reappointment to the Police Commission
- 14.9 Public Works committee referrals
  - 14.9.1 Amendment No. 2 with FCS Group, Inc. for the Utility Financial Plan and Rate Study



14.9.2 Professional Services Agreement with Water & Environmental Technologies for Water Rights Services

14.9.3 Service Agreement with Cimco-GC Systems for Water System Improvements

14.9.4 Referral – Professional Service Agreement with IMEG for Mount and 14th

15. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

15.1 Administratively approved agreement report

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor John Engen As always folks, I thank you for your service and we will be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.