Missoula City Council Public Works Committee Minutes

September 11, 2019, 10:55 am
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula, MT

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John DiBari, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West

Members absent: Julie Armstrong, Jordan Hess, Jesse Ramos

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes from August 28, 2019

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Parking lot lease agreement with Partnership Health Center

Chief Administrative Officer Dale Bickell spoke on a parking lot to be developed off West Railroad Street. Partnership Health Center (PHC) which has been informally using an undeveloped right-of-way (ROW) for parking. It is currently an enforcement problem for the City.

This is a short-term lease agreement. The City intends to install improvements to the lot, thereby bringing it up to measure and better meeting the needs of PHC. Once those upgrades have been made, a long-term lease will be presented. The goal is to recoup those costs over time.

PHC will be responsible for general parking lot maintenance, trash removal, and towing unauthorized users.

Monte Sipe, Development Services, said that work is being done with the Historic Preservation Office to preserve cobblestone on the parcel. A request for proposal (RFP) for a parking lot design is next, with special focus on sidewalks and lighting. Montana Rail Link property adjacent to the area will be considered during the design process. Adequate landscaping and improved lighting will reduce safety concerns for the parking lot area.

Moved by: Bryan von Lossberg

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Partnership Health Center to lease an undeveloped parcel off West Railroad Street as a parking lot.

AYES: (8): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John DiBari, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West
ABSENT: (3): Julie Armstrong, Jordan Hess, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.2 Bid Award for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Lab Expansion Project

This item appeared in error on the September 11, 2019 Public Works agenda.

The wastewater treatment plant lab expansion project bid was awarded at the Public Works Meeting on July 10, 2019, after a unanimous vote.

Awards the bid for construction services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Lab Expansion Project to D. Lower Construction, Inc. of Missoula, Montana, for an amount not to exceed $552,267.00 and authorizes the return of bid bonds.

3.3 Wastewater Lighting Fixture LED Replacement Project

Utility Project Manager Ross Mollenhauer spoke on the replacement of Wastewater facility light fixtures. Third Element came in with the lowest contractor bid. Nearly all of the facility lighting fixtures will be replaced with LED lighting. This project aligns with the City's Conservation and Climate Action Plan. The associated costs, which include NorthWestern Energy rebates, will be recouped in less than six years.

This project will be funded with Wastewater Enterprise Funds.

Moved by: Julie Merritt

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the construction agreement between the City and The Third Element to replace the wastewater facility lighting fixtures with LED lighting for a sum not to exceed $40,686.00.

AYES: (8): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John DiBari, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Julie Merritt, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSENT: (3): Julie Armstrong, Jordan Hess, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (8 to 0)

3.4 Southpointe Septic Tank Effluent Pumping Sewer Decommissioning Project

Ross Mollenhauer, Utility Project Manager, spoke about the agreement with WGM Group to decommission a community septic tank, located at 6393 Marias Street. WGM determined there were four areas around town where a gravity main could be implemented. The current Marias Street STEP tank is a maintenance headache. The new sewer gravity main will run for two blocks along Marias Street in the South Hills.

A map of the sewer project area is available for the public online.

Moved by: Heather Harp

approve and allow the Mayor to sign the agreement with WGM Group for the design of a new sewer gravity main along Marias St that will allow the City to decommission the
existing community Septic Tank Effluent Pumping tank located at 6393 Marias St. not to exceed $36,383.00.

AYES: (7): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, John DiBari, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, Bryan von Lossberg, and Heidi West

ABSTAIN: (1): Julie Merritt

ABSENT: (3): Julie Armstrong, Jordan Hess, and Jesse Ramos

Vote results: Approved (7 to 0)

4. ADJOURNMENT