

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM
Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana

Members Present: Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Roy Houseman, Bob Jaffe, Lyn Hellegaard, Jon Wilkins, Renee Mitchell, Dick Haines, Ed Childers.

Members Not Present:

Others Present: Jason Diehl, Dave Wolter, John Hendrickson

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes from [September 29, 2010](#). Minutes approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Municipal Emergency Services (MES) for the purchase of new self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA); and authorize the sale of the fire department's current inventory of SCBAs to MES. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jason Diehl) (Referred to committee: 10/25/10) **(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)**

Motion: The committee recommends that the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Municipal Emergency Services (MES) for the purchase of new self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA); and authorize the sale of the fire department's current inventory of SCBAs to MES.

Jason Diehl provided an overview of the assessment of new equipment and the bidding process.

Bob Jaffe stated that the bidding process did not seem to go smoothly. He indicated that the current bid was the only valid one.

Jason Diehl stated that some of the lower bidders were unresponsive, or sent incomplete bids. He feels that the MES bid is complete and fair. Jason did not think that the bid could be negotiated once submitted.

Bob Jaffe felt that it could be negotiated.

Jason Diehl stated that the successful bidder would honor the bid price for a period of time. He described training and maintenance provided with the new equipment.

Dave Strohmaier stated that if it was a negotiated bidding process, that would have to be stated up front.

Jon Wilkins asked if Jason made an effort to acquire complete bids from the vendors who did not submit adequate information.

Jason Diehl responded that he did. He notified the bidders of the intent to award the contract to MES. He described the deficiencies in the ISI bid, and his follow up with that company.

Ed Childers clarified the bid process and bid requirements. He feels that the bid was handled properly. He made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the bid.

Bob Jaffe had concerns about the bidding process, and how the process should result in the best deal for the taxpayer.

Jason Diehl stated that the SCBA specifications are very important, and he feels that the MES bid best met those specifications.

Dave Strohmaier stated that the SCBA equipment is vital, and it is important to acquire the best equipment for the job.

Jon Wilkins indicated his support for the bid.

Dave Strohmaier asked Jason if they should include the bid bonds in the motion.

Jason Diehl indicated that he would.

Dave Strohmaier asked Ed Childers would accept the inclusion of the bid bonds as a friendly amendment.

Ed Childers agreed.

Renee Mitchell indicated her support for the bid, and articulated her confidence in the Fire Department's process. She called for the question.

The call for the question passed unanimously.

The vote on the motion passed unanimously.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mike Painter)
2. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Ellen Leahy)
3. Police Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mark Muir)
4. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Chapter 6.09 entitled "Missoula Cat Ordinance" section 6.09.010 through 6.09.090 to amend definitions, to limit the number of cats over the age of four months that a person, family, or household can harbor, keep, or maintain to five and to enact other general amendments. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
5. An [ordinance](#) amending Missoula Municipal Code Title 6 entitled "Animals" generally amending Chapter 6.04 entitled "Animals Running at Large" and Chapter 6.08 entitled "Dogs and Pet Shops," increasing the fee when an animal is impounded and establishing a fee for a boarding kennel license. ([PS&H](#)) (Returned from Council floor: 01/12/09)
6. Review implementation of the Missoula Outdoor Lighting Ordinance ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 08/09/10)
7. Review City-County animal control staffing needs for fiscal year 2012. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 09/27/2010)

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. Submitted by Gregg Schonbachler.