

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 9:10 AM – 9:30 AM
Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana

Members Present: Dave Strohmaier, Adam Hertz, Cynthia Wolken, Jon Wilkins

Members Not Present: Bob Jaffe, Caitlin Copple, Dick Haines

Other Present: Jason Diehl, Jeff Brandt, Sean Garner

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Approve minutes from [February 29, 2012](#). Minutes approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Authorize the fire department to purchase two Compressed Air Foam (CAF) firefighting pump units from W.S. Darley of Itasca, Illinois for the amount of \$124,776. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jason Diehl) (Referred to committee: 03/12/12) **(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)**

MOTION: The committee recommends that the city council approve and authorize the Mayor to allow the fire department to purchase two Compressed Air Foam (CAF) firefighting pump units from W.S. Darley of Itasca, Illinois for the amount of \$124,776.

Jason Diehl noted that the Missoula Fire Department stair climbing team placed first in a recent competition in Seattle. Jason provided an overview of the proposed CAF purchase.

Bob Jaffe asked about the lifespan of the CAF units.

Sean Garner responded that the expected lifespan for the units is 20 years, and that they can be moved from one chassis to another if needed.

Bob Jaffe asked about the lifespan of equipment that may need to be replaced due to obsolescence rather than being at the end of its useful life.

Sean Garner replied that it is difficult to estimate due to unpredictable factors such as call volume and the amount of use that a unit gets. He feels that the lifespan should be about 20 years.

Jason Diehl clarified that units have an estimated ten to twelve year front-line lifespan.

Bob Jaffe asked if one of the new units was intended to replace existing equipment.

Jason Diehl replied that the CAF units represent a significant upgrade to the current equipment.

Bob Jaffe asked what would happen to the old equipment.

Jason Diehl stated that the Parks Department has expressed an interest in obtaining the old equipment.

Dave Strohmaier moved to authorize the fire department to purchase two Compressed Air Foam (CAF) firefighting pump units from W.S. Darley of Itasca, Illinois for the amount of \$124,776

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM

V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Police Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mark Muir)
2. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Jason Diehl)
3. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Ellen Leahy)
4. Eat Smart Coalition information. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jason Wiener) (Referred to committee: 07/11/11)
5. Consider Discuss revisiting cell phone restrictions. ([memo](#)) – Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 10/17/11)
6. Discuss air quality issues related to railroad operations in and through Missoula. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 10/24/11)
7. Authorize Discussion with Crime Victim Advocate Office. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jon Wilkins) (Referred to committee: 02/06/12)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M. Submitted by Gregg Schonbachler.