

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**Wednesday, June 22, 2011 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM**  
**Council Chambers, 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, Montana**

**Members Present:** Dave Strohmaier, Pam Walzer, Bob Jaffe, Jon Wilkins, Lynn Hellegaard, Dick Haines, Renee Mitchell, Ed Childers

**Members Not Present:**

**Other Present:** Chris Odlin, Sue Mirabito, Ed Franceschina, Richard Williams

## **I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

1. Approve minutes from [June 15, 2011](#). Minutes approved unanimously.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign a towing contract ([memo](#)) for the City of Missoula Police Department Abandoned Vehicle program. (Non Agenda item) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

**MOTION: The committee recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Pro Towing for the fiscal year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$22,500.00 for the City of Missoula Police Department Abandoned Vehicle Program.**

Dave Strohmaier motioned for the rules to be suspended. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Odlin stated that two bids were received for the [Abandoned Vehicles Towing Bid](#). He stated Pro Towing was the lower bidder. A copy of the [Contract and Agreement](#) was handed out.

Bob Jaffe and Ed Childers asked about the fees.

Sue Marabito clarified the fees and stated she would contact Pro Towing about the large unit rate.

Bob Jaffe asked if the Abandon Vehicle Program pays for itself.

Chris Odlin stated it does pay for itself with the exception of the one employee.

Ed Childers made the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEM**

1. Update from the Animal Control Board. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 02/7/11) **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

Ed Franceschina stated they are currently reviewing:

- The new animal control law
- Low income spay and neuter clinics
- Preparing for fire season and continuing flooding care for large animals
- Public Service Announcements with MCAT
- Fair Booth possibility for this year

He stated the Animal Control Board looks at topics of public concern, the health of the shelter and the animals, the animal control program and the Board has the decision making authority to address or not address topics.

Lynn Hellegaard asked who is responsible if the urban chickens are attracting bears into the urban areas.

Ed Franceschina stated the bears are the responsibility of the Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) and the bear attractants, such as garbage, are the Animal Controls responsibility. When a situation with a bear comes up Jamie Jonkel with the FWP is called for his assistance to take care of the bear.

Richard Williams stated more education needs to be done about the bears and their attractants and the urban chickens. He stated that the Animal Control Board, working with FWP, would be the agency to handle wildlife issues.

Marilyn Marler brought up the topic of bees in the City.

Ed Franceschina stated the Department of Agriculture regulates bees.

Pam Walzer asked about a hobbyist's bees.

Jon Wilkins commented on a bad experience he has had with bees.

Richard Williams asked what part does the Council want Animal Control to do in reference to the bees.

## **V. HELD AND ON-GOING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Police Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mark Muir)
2. Fire Department Update – Ongoing in Committee (Mike Painter)
3. Health Department Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Ellen Leahy)
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)

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM. Submitted by Leslie Willis.