

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine
MISSOULA MONTANA
December 20, 2010, After Council Meeting

Members present: Ed Childers, President; Stacy Rye, Vice President; Dick Haines, Roy Houseman, Renee Mitchell, Jason Wiener, Jon Wilkins, Lyn Hellegaard, Marilyn Marler

Members absent: Bob Jaffe, Dave Strohmaier, and Pam Walzer

Others present: Doug Grimm, Marty Rehbein

I. Administrative Business

A. The November 15, 2010, minutes were approved as submitted.

II. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda

Doug Grimm invited council members, audience members and people watching on Missoula Community Access Television (MCAT) to Missoula's First Night celebration on New Year's Eve. The event is a non-alcoholic celebration of culture and the arts and is held in venues throughout the committee and buttons are on sale at Worden's market and other locations in the committee.

III. Regular Agenda

A. Mayor's Update – Ongoing in Committee. (Mayor Engen)
There was no report.

B. Updates from Council representatives on the Health Board, Community Forum, Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC), other boards and commissions as necessary. – (Ongoing in Committee)
Health Board—Ms. Mitchell said they met last Thursday. During the meeting they recognized the service of Dr. Koontz. Theresa Henry will fill her position. They also recognized Tom Barger who is retiring from the department. They also had kind words for Dr. Alan Gabster, a board member who died unexpectedly. She noted there is currently a vacancy available on the board and the city would welcome applicants.

Ms. Rehbein added that applications are due by December 29th and people can learn more by visiting the city's website.

Community Forum

Mr. Wilkins reported the Community Forum had a potluck in November and invited leadership team members from each of the neighborhood councils. Attendees had a good time.

Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC)

Ms. Rye said there is a meeting tomorrow. They did not meet last month.

Missoula Aging Services

Dick Haines indicated the agency is very concerned about any impacts to their programming from the upcoming legislative session.

Employee Benefits Committee

Mr. Houseman said the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA) gave a presentation to the committee on the new health insurance policies they are offering. Council members may want to look at this idea further. Other larger cities including Helena, Bozeman and Kalispell have recently joined the pool.

Mr. Wilkins thanked whoever fixed the porch light in front of the Chambers building.

Ms. Mitchell thanked Doug Grimm for inviting people to First Night.

There was no public comment.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Rehbein
City Clerk