

Public Works / Finance Committee



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Monday
February 12, 2024**

4:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Hailey Lewis, Sandra Kelly, Bryce Blankenship

OTHERS: Mayor Art Bettge, Council Member Julia Parker

STAFF: Bill Belknap, Cody Riddle, James Fry, Mia Bautista, Taylor Riedner

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Public Works/Finance Committee January 8, 2024 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Taylor Riedner

The minutes were approved as presented.

2. Disbursement Report January 2024 (ACTION ITEM) - Sarah Decker

Presentation of the Accounts Payable Report for the month ending January 2024.

ACTION: Approve and authorize the use of digital signatures to sign the Disbursements Report for the month of January 2024.

Decker introduced the item by highlighting expenditures including a payment for the Pullman Highway transmission water main, a 6th St bridge payment, a paradise path phase 2 lighting payment, and pass-through grant for the airport. The Committee recommended approval, authorized the use of digital signatures, and placed it on the Council consent agenda.

3. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Moscow Police Department and Homeland Security Investigations (ACTION ITEM) - James D. Fry

Det. Mowery is a full-time affiliate member of the Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce, which is overseen by the Idaho Office of the Attorney General. His investigations are focused on ICAC cases, many of which are prosecuted in the federal courts. The Attorney General's Office's ICAC employees and affiliates are obtaining their federal credentials to assist in investigating and prosecuting ICAC cases. The federal credentials allow for many benefits in these cases, including warrant service and returns, resources, equipment, and data collection. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) is the criminal investigative branch of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. HSI is not involved with enforcing immigration laws but is directed to enforce federal criminal statutes nationwide. The Idaho Attorney's Office is seeking this MOU for the sole purpose of investigating ICAC cases.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the MOU between Homeland Security Investigations and the Moscow Police Department to enable Det. Mowery to obtain federal credentials to investigate ICAC cases; or provide staff further direction.

Fry introduced the item as written above and reviewed the shift of responsibilities between HSI and the FBI. This will not change operating procedures for Moscow Police Department and no extensive training

will need to be done. The Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

4. Approval of Resolution to Continue Participation in the Internet Crimes Against Children Unit Task Force (ACTION ITEM) - James D. Fry

Det. Mowery is a full-time affiliate member of the Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, which is overseen by the Idaho Office of the Attorney General (OAG) under the executed Memorandum of Understanding on July 1, 2018, and August 19, 2019. The OAG has solicited the City to execute a Revised Interagency Agreement to replace the previously executed Memorandum of Understanding. The City is requesting authorization for the Mayor to sign this Agreement and Appendices A, B, C, and D, and any amendment to the Appendices of this Agreement.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the Resolution for the Mayor to sign the Interagency Agreement for the ICAC Unit Task Force Agent and Appendices A, B, C, and D and any amendment to the Appendices of this Agreement or provide staff further direction.

Fry introduced the item by reviewing the change of supervision located in the Boise office and some changes that were brought up because of that. These changes do not impact operating procedures by the Moscow Police Department. Part of the approval is also to authorize the Mayor's signature on the exhibits attached to the MOU. The ICAC program is funded by the state legislature and is therefore a fairly reliable program for the foreseeable future. The Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

