

JOURNAL OF COMMISSION WORK SESSION
October 6, 2008

City Commission Work Session

Mayor Stebbins presiding

CALL TO ORDER: 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL: City Commissioners present: Dona Stebbins, John Rosenbaum, Bill Bronson, Bill Beecher and Mary Jolley. Also present were the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Directors of Community Development, Fiscal Services, Library, Park and Recreation, Planning and Public Works, the City Attorney, Fire Chief, Police Captain, and the City Clerk.

1. EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Deb Reynolds-Hamblock reported that 433 employees have now gone through the orientation program. Chief McCamley introduced Ryan Downard; Captain Bowen introduced Jessica Becker, Denver Cobb, Tony Munkres and Keri Gunn; Coleen Balzarini introduced Renee Kempa; Jim Rearden introduced Bart Stevenson and Scott Olson; Marty Basta introduced Paul Loyd-Davies; and Libby McConnell was introduced as a new employee for the Weed & Seed Program.

2. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

Fire Chief Randy McCamley reported that Ordinance 2993 set forth a provision for a performance contract with a private ambulance company. Negotiations have been ongoing since March. City staff and Great Falls Emergency Services negotiated a 40 page contract setting forth contract administration, roles and responsibilities, ambulance performance measures, system medical control, performance security, EMS Advisory Board, fiscal requirements and the term of the contract.

The contract establishes response times for advanced life support ambulances at nine minutes or less 90% of the time for urban areas. The contract also establishes a System Medical Director who has overall authority for establishing medical protocols and standards. In addition, each response agency has its own individual medical director. The contract establishes a performance security of \$120,000. Members for an EMS Advisory Board will be appointed by the City Commission. Chief McCamley explained the fiscal requirements totaled \$59,700 that Great Falls Ambulance Company would pay quarterly for dispatch services, oversight and monitoring, a system medical director and pre-transport service fees. The initial term of the contract is five years.

3. **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 80/20 PLAN AND IMPACT ON COMMUNITY**

Sheriff Dave Castle explained that he was appointed by the governor to sit on the Department of Corrections Advisory Council. Sheriff Castle discussed the crime rate, locations and capacities of corrections programs and facilities, crime prevention strategies and recidivism. The DOC's goal of 80/20 means 80% of the prison population being released back into the communities and 20% remaining in secure custody. The price of incarceration is tremendous compared to prevention and education. Seventy-five percent of the people in jail do not have high school diplomas. Sheriff Castle explained that education is the answer.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Stebbins adjourned the work session of October 6, 2008, at 6:22 p.m.