

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
140 WEST PINE STREET
MISSOULA MONTANA
March 28, 2012 1:35 pm**

Members present: Mike O'Herron acting as Chair; Jason Wiener, Bob Jaffe, Alex Taft, Adam Hertz, Dick Haines, Dave Strohmaier, Caitlin Copple, Jon Wilkins, Ed Childers.

Members absent: Cynthia Wolken.

Others present: Michael McGill, Sue Herman, Brentt Ramharter, Chris Behan, Dee Andersen.

I. Administrative Business

A. Approve Committee Minutes Dated: [March 21, 2012](#)-approved as submitted

B. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda-None

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve claims (accounts payable). -Consent Agenda (Brentt Ramharter)

MOTION: The committee recommends the City Council approve [claims](#) totaling \$640,402.08 ([Detailed claims](#))

B. Review the City of Missoula's payment-in-lieu-of-taxes agreement with MCT, Inc. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Mayor Engen) (Referred to committee: 03/26/12)**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

MOTION: The committee recommends the City Council declare the City of Missoula's payment-in-lieu of taxes agreement with the Missoula Children's Theater Inc., is fulfilled and determine there is no need to extend the agreement beyond its current term which ends on November 15, 2012.

Mayor John Engen said he is requesting to declare the payment-in-lieu-of-taxes agreement with Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) complete and has no intention of renewing it. It was entered into when MCT took possession the old central school building for the purpose of renovation and to house the theater company. He said they have met their obligation and once we declare them done they can use those funds for future projects.

Dick Haines stated that MCT pays \$240,000 a year to the City.

Mayor Engen said no, that is their mortgage payment on a \$2.6 million loan.

Alex Taft wanted to know if they would be done as of now, or after the November payment.

Mayor Engen stated that their November payment would be the last one.

Jon Wilkins moved to declare the agreement completed. He said his family was involved in MCT and it led to a dancing career for one of his children. He knows another Missoula youth who was active in MCT productions who is grown up and in New York making a living at acting. He has met folks from all over the country that know about the little red trucks. He is very happy will be finished paying and supports the motion.

The committee discussed the amount of the original MRA investment. It was stated that the annual payment-in-lieu of taxes MCT was paying to the City amounted to more than any taxes they would paid over the last 18 years.

Michael McGill, MCT, said in 1993 we had fewer than 10 tours now we have approximately 50 annually. Our payroll has gone from 10 to 50 employees. This arrangement really allowed us to grow.

Mr. Childers said at that time Central School was empty and the payroll was zero. The properties in the neighborhood are probably more valuable as a result of this agreement.

Mr. Wilkins said that building was in rough shape and the gym floor was buckled.

Chris Behan stated that this agreement was always intended to end this November and no special arrangements have been made.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Held in committee

1. Approve claims. (Ongoing) (Consent Agenda)
2. Approve journal vouchers. (Ongoing) (Consent Agenda)
3. Approve budget transfers. (Ongoing) (Consent Agenda)
4. Amend Council rules to change the Council's regular meeting schedule to two meetings per month ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Marty Rehbein) (Referred to committee: 06/07/10)
5. Discuss the disposition of surplus city land. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Nancy Harte) (Referred to committee: 10/25/10)
6. Review the city's current policy for charging the public for various city-produced documents ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 12/06/10)
7. Review Missoula's insurance experience, particularly work comp; propose improvements if warranted. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Ed Childers) (Referred to committee: 05/09/2011)

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Andersen,
Administrative Secretary