



**CITY COUNCIL  
EMS SUBCOMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**August 27, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.**  
City Hall Council Chambers, 201 First Avenue East

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Emergency Medical Services

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Persons wishing to address the council are asked to do so at this time. Those addressing the council are requested to give their name and address for the record. Please limit comments to three minutes.

**D. CITY MANAGER, COUNCIL, AND MAYOR REPORTS**

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

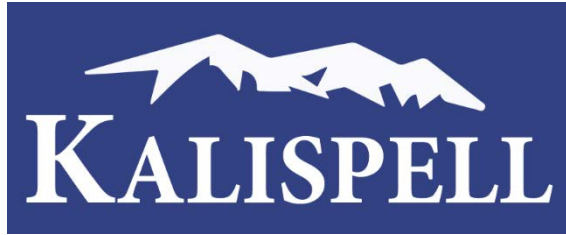
**UPCOMING SCHEDULE / FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**City Offices Closed** – September 2, 2019 – Labor Day

**Next Regular Meeting** – TUESDAY, September 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

**Next Work Session** – September 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities to attend this meeting. Please notify the City Clerk at 758-7756.



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the EMS Subcommittee  
From: Doug Russell, City Manager  
Re: EMS delivery options  
Meeting Date: August 27, 2019

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**BACKGROUND:** During budget discussions regarding Emergency Medical Services, the City Council requested reconvening the EMS subcommittee to discuss options related to soliciting requests for proposals for the provisions of these services.

This follows from previous efforts to address the fiscal challenges in funding this service. Previous efforts have included a levy election that failed to pass, revamping the rate schedule, and various activities to facilitate efficiencies within the operations. The operation continues to require a transfer from the general fund in order to meet financial requirements of the operations, prompting the discussion during budget sessions.

At a previous EMS subcommittee meeting in July, we reviewed various benchmarks from several communities. Since that time, we have been able to assimilate a more comprehensive comparison, which we will review with the committee. Additionally, a private entity has received information on department operations and call information. We are hoping they are able to provide feedback between now and the meeting on Tuesday.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Information will be presented for the EMS Subcommittee to further discuss options related to a solicitation of services.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Comparison information from other communities.

Review of Best Practices

	Contract/Ordinance/Other arrangement	Ambulance Company				Fire Department			Subsidy Paid	Payer Mix
		Call volume (EMS)	Dedicated transport units in contract per call volume	ALS or BLS Service (or both)	EMS Response time expectations	Does City Fire Respond	Is City reimbursed for responses	What level of care does the FD respond (ALS, BLS or Both)		
Billings	Ordinance	N/A	AMR	ALS/AMR	AMR	Yes	No	Both	no	Unknown
Missoula	Ordinance and Contract	6040	See note	both ALS or BLS Service (or both)	9 minutes or less @ 90%	yes	34,000 Annual upon new contract	Both	no	Unknown
Great Falls	Ordinance and Contract	5451	Based on response performance	ALS or BLS Service (or both)	9 minutes	Yes	No	ALS non transport	no	Unknown
Bozeman	Ordinance	Approx 2,200 in city only	No	ALS	8:00 or less 90% of the time	Yes	No, unless we cover the call with our ambulance at which point we charge AMR not the patient	Both	no	Unknown
Butte	Contract/Ordinance/Other arrangement	Unknown	A-1 Amb	Both	A-1 Amb	Yes	No	BLS with endorsements	no	Unknown
Helena	Contract with St. Pete's (SPAS)	HFD = 3000, Total System is 6000	3 to 4 during day, 2 at night	ALS	none	EMD to triage calls and respond to priority calls with SPAS.	Not with money, but SPAS gives us some supplies.	Both, Depends on daily staffing		
Anaconda	Fire based Transport	1200				Yes	N/a	BLS with endorsements	N/A	unknown
Havre	Fire based Transport	1221				Yes	N/A	BLS with endorsements	N/A	Unknown
Miles City	Fire based Transport	1284	1	Both	None	Yes	No	Both	N/A	see note 2
Livingston	Fire based Transport	1700	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	ALS Transport	N/A	Unknown

NOTE:

1. MESI currently staffs 4 ALS units 24/7 with a 5<sup>th</sup> unit on call 24/7 and 1 supervisor on shift from 06:00-18:00 and on call from 18:00-06:00. This is staffing for their whole response area including the City of Missoula.
2. 51.31% Medicare, Part B, 9.24 %, Medicaid Payment 7.84 % Commercial Ins 7.68 % VA payment 7.14 % Personal check 5.58 % Medicare copay ins 3.20 % Work Comp 2.84 % Blue cross