

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Chris Grenz called the meeting to order. Council members present were Dwayne Andrews, Roxanna Brush, John Hollowell, Mark Ahner, Jerry Partridge, John Uden, Bill Melnik and Sue Galbraith.

Also present were City Attorney George W. Huss, Fire Chief Dale Berg, Public Utilities Director Al Kelm, Grant Administrator Dawn Colton, City Planner Dianna Broadie, and Council Recorder Connie Watts.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grenz led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES/COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular Council Minutes – 2/28/12

** *Councilperson Ahner moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2012, seconded by Councilperson Andrews; motion carried unanimously, 8 – 0.*

Swimming Pool Ad Hoc Committee – 2/13/2012

Mark Ahner called the meeting to order.

Discussion of Swimming Pool Needs and Task Assignments

Chairperson Ahner asked Barry Matthews to be Vice Chair of the Swimming Pool Ad-hoc Committee and he agreed to the position.

The goals and objectives were outlined (see attached document).

Chairperson Ahner explained some of the funding options and the possible grants that are available.

Chairperson Ahner asked the Committee members for their ideas on funding.

Committee Member Butch Krutzfeldt has a \$15,000 commitment from the Board of Directors of Fun2U. He also committed \$15,000 personally contingent on the sale of a lot.

Committee Member Sigrid Laird is hoping to raise \$10,000 through pledges. These pledges will go to a 501c account in the name of Fun2U. This is a separate account and would require Committee Member Laird's signature.

The Aquatic Playground group has a target commitment of \$50,000 to \$100,000.

There was discussion on keeping the funds segregated or combined, but no decision was made.

Committee member Rice asked Chairperson Ahner what the City would be contributing to this project. He answered that they would contribute the annual budget of \$40,000 per year, \$77,000 in materials for the repair and upgrade of the docks, insurance costs, and engineering costs on dock repair and shallow pond, however, the City anticipates some of these costs to be offset by donations.

The timelines for the projects were discussed. There was detailed discussion on the timing of the reconstruction of the docks, engineering process and which group would hire the engineers, and the construction process.

It was decided to break the private groups into their own groups and only meet as a large group to

present plans that would be taken to the Council for approval. Once a plan is decided and agreed upon by all groups, then they would announce it to the media.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43p.m.

** *Councilperson Ahner moved to approve the Swimming Pool minutes with the following change: 3rd paragraph from the bottom, last sentence in that paragraph should read, "... and engineering costs on dock repair **and shallow pond**; however, the City...". Councilperson Hollowell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 8-0.*

Public Safety Committee – 2/28/2012

The **Public Safety Committee** met Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 12:00 pm in the City Hall conference room. Present were Committee Chairperson John Uden and Committee Members Dwayne Andrews, Sue Galbraith and Mark Ahner. Also present were Mayor Chris Grenz and Committee Recorder Connie Watts.

1) **Roll Call**

Chairperson Uden called the meeting to order.

2) Ordinance No. 1234: An Ordinance revising Title 2, Article III, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miles City regarding the City Planning Board to conform to State Statute, providing for conditional appointment of two additional members to the City Planning Board by the Custer County Board of Commissioners; and providing and effective date thereof.

Chairperson Uden explained the purpose of this ordinance is to bring the City's Code of Ordinances in compliance with State Statute.

Committee Member Ahner pointed out Section 2, Membership, wherein it states that "The city planning board shall consist of not less than nine members, to be appointed as follows." The ordinance then goes on to list seven members. He noted that Section 11 does provide for the possibility of two additional members, -- "...membership of the city planning board shall be expanded to nine members..." to be appointed by the County Commissioners.

After additional discussion,

** *Committee Member Ahner moved to recommend adoption of Ordinance 1234, seconded by Committee Member Andrews and, on roll call vote, passed 4-0..*

** *Committee Member Ahner moved to recommend amending Ordinance 1234, Section 2-282. – Membership, from "The city planning board shall consist of not less than nine members..." to "The city planning board shall consist of not less than seven members..." Committee Member Ahner also included in this motion a recommendation to correct the date in the sentence "Said ordinance read and put on its passage this 14th day of February, 2012" to "...February 28th, 2012." Committee Member Uden seconded the motion, which then passed on roll call vote 4-0.*

3) Request of Citizens. There were no citizen requests.

4) **Adjournment**

** *Having no more business to come before the committee, Committee Member Galbraith moved to adjourn, seconded by Committee Member Andrews and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.*

** *Councilperson Uden moved to approve the Public Safety minutes, seconded by Councilperson Andrews and passed unanimously, 8-0.*

Public Service Committee – 3/5/2012

The **Public Service Committee** met Monday, March 5, 2012, at 12:00 pm in the City Hall conference room. Present were Committee Chairperson Jerry Partridge and Committee Members John Hollowell, Sue Galbraith and Roxanna Brush. Also present were Mayor Chris Grenz, Public Services Director Al Kelm, Grant Administrator Dawn Colton, Parks Foreman Brady Stone -and Committee Recorder Connie Watts.

Chairperson Partridge called the meeting to order. There was no objection to dispensing with the reading of the previous minutes.

Discussion on Bathrooms for Riverside Park

Director Kelm gave a brief history on the project. The Rotary Club has raised approximately \$100,000. CTEP is also now involved, also, with \$299,911 in grant funds. The Rotary Club only requires that it would be a six-stall restroom (three women's and three men's).

The issues that need to be decided today are:

Extended season vs. warm-weather restrooms – The extended season building would require minimal heat and insulation. The restrooms could then be left open for a longer period of time, depending on how cold it gets and how quickly it gets cold. For users of the Riverside Park Pathway and the walking path around the fairgrounds, it would mean available restroom facilities for as long as most people would be using the paths. Most people that Director Kelm has talked to have indicated their interest in an extended season facility.

There would, however, be an additional cost of \$50 to \$60 a month for the extra months. One of the companies offers radiant heating in the floor. A heated building was estimated at \$20,000.

** *Chairperson Partridge moved to recommend to the council to build with the capability of an extended season, seconded by Committee Member Hollowell and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Exterior Appearance -- Discussion then centered around the construction of the building itself – concrete, wood-built, pre-fab, etc.

Mayor Grenz expressed the desire to let it out for bids locally. Director Kelm said he could prepare two sets of specs: pre-built and site-built.

Custer County Art Center Director Mark Browning said that because CTEP is involved, it had to go out for bids, but there is no guarantee that the bids would be awarded to a local contractor. Because all the preparation for the building would have to be done before hand, whether site or pre built (foundation, electrical, plumbing, etc.) these issues need to be settled soon. A current cost estimate for the building is \$130,000.

A concrete or stone building would be vandal resistant, but more expensive. Motion detector cameras, which Director Kelm strongly recommended, would go a long way toward curtailing vandalism. Grant Administrator Dawn Colton showed many different building styles and different building construction mediums on a projector screen. Mayor Grenz suggested the Community College could possibly build it, but it was pointed out that this would not work under CTEP regulations.

The committee was also asked to determine whether the building should be concrete/rock partway up and then finished in wood, or concrete/rock all the way up to the top.

** *Committee Member Brush moved to recommend to the council to construct the building with a rock-looking concrete material all the way to the roof. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Partridge and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Roof – The choice was shake-looking concrete or metal roof. Both options will be included in the specs.

Hot Water – Foreman Stone informed the committee that hot water is a requirement if the facility is going to have a diaper changing station.

Porcelain or Stainless Steel – during discussion it was noted that the Montana Department of Transportation has been replacing their stainless steel fixtures with porcelain. Apparently it is more cost effective to replace porcelain, when that becomes necessary, than it is to invest in the more expensive stainless steel fixtures.

** *Chairperson Partridge moved to recommend using porcelain fixtures to the council, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Exterior Drinking Fountain – In order to be ADA compliant, an external drinking fountain is a requirement.

Exterior Hose Bibs – For purposes of cleaning, as well as other uses, the committee felt an exterior hose bib would be a good idea.

** *Chairperson Partridge moved to include an exterior hose bib, seconded by Committee Member Brush and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Interior Floor Drain –

** *Chairperson Partridge moved to recommend to the council to include an interior floor drain, seconded by Committee Member Brush and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Hot or Cold-air Hand Dryers – The committee discovered the hot-air dryers were significantly more expensive.

** *Chairperson Partridge moved to recommend to the council to have cold-air hand dryers, seconded by Committee Member Brush and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Shut off Valves – Will need to have for winterization.

Mayor Grenz mentioned a design he had seen where all the plumbing, for both sides of the building, was in the center on inside walls. Director Kelm said that is called a “chase”, and is already provided for in the specs.

Andy Marum, HKM Engineering, asked where the entry would be. Because of ADA access and where the walking path will be located, Director Kelm and others thought it should be on the north. Ultimately, however, that will be up to the engineer and the contractor.

Request of Citizens

There were no requests of citizens.

Adjournment

** *There being no further business to come before the committee, Committee Member Brush moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Chairperson Partridge. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.*

** *Councilperson Partridge moved to approve the Public Service minutes, seconded by Councilperson Brush and passed unanimously, 8-0.*

Finance Committee – 3/6/2012

The **Finance Committee** met March 06, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Chairperson Mark Ahner and Committee Members Jerry Partridge, Bill Melnik and Roxanna Brush. Also present were, Public Utilities Director Allen Kelm, Grant Administrator Dawn Colton, and HR/Payroll Officer Billie Burkhalter.

Request to reduce Flood Plain regulation variance fee

Chairperson Ahner stated Floodplain Administrator Sam Malenovsky had explained why she would like to request lowering the Flood Plain regulation variance fee to \$75. She wants to make the charge more consistent with the Board of Adjustment rates. The variance does not take much time to complete and felt that it would reduce the impact to property owners.

** *Committee Member Partridge moved to recommend to the City Council to reduce the cost of the Floodplain regulation variance fee to \$75, seconded by Committee Member Melnik. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

Request for Grant Application/Engineering Study for Hazard Mitigation of Water Treatment Plant

Grant Administrator Colton explained the City is eligible for the Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program and a potential project that could be funded by this would be to improve the levee structures around the Water Treatment Plant. A preliminary engineering study would have to be conducted in order to determine exactly what improvements are needed and to estimate construction costs. Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson (KLJ) Engineering has submitted a proposal for the study for \$18,148. If the City is awarded a grant to improve the levees this study will be eligible for reimbursement, but if the study is not approved the City will have to pay KLJ costs.

Chairperson Ahner explained that KLJ would conduct an analysis of the Water Plant site to determine potential alternatives for construction of new levees and as of yet the alternative costs are unknown. He questioned the validity of doing this as the City faced a major flood for a sustained time with problems concerning erosion, however no major issues arose. He explained that Director Kelm had stated the concern with the Water Plant is the potential of ice jams on the Yellowstone River and the possible flooding of the plant. Chairperson Ahner is concerned that if the City were to obtain this federal grant it would be required to pay 25% of the final costs which could be a substantial amount.

Chairperson Ahner questioned Director Kelm as to whether \$18,148 was available in his budget under Professional Services. Director Kelm stated this was not a budgeted item in his budget.

- ** *Committee Member Partridge moved to recommend to the City Council to proceed with the engineer contract with KLJ and to proceed with the study for possible disaster mitigation of the Water Treatment Plant, seconded by Committee Member Brush. On roll call vote motion carried 3-1 with Chairperson Ahner dissenting.*

Request to Purchase Soft-Start Equipment for Treatment Plant

Director Kelm stated Grant Administrator Colton had applied for a Department of Environmental Quality Energy Study Grant. After the study was completed it made the City eligible for additional monies to correct deficiencies that were found in the Wastewater Plant and the Water Treatment Plant. The deficiencies that would be the biggest energy savings and payback are to install Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) on 9 of the motors at the Water Treatment Plant and 5 VFD's on motors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The monies that are available to the City in grant form and rebates are \$48,400 from the Department of Environmental Quality and \$18,675 available from Montana Dakota Utilities administered through the Department of Environmental Quality for a total of \$67,075 to upgrade the facilities for energy conservation

- ** *Chairperson Ahner moved to recommend to the City Council to move forward with the acquisition of the 14 Variable Frequency Drives for the Wastewater Plant and Water Treatment Plant with a reimbursable grant amount of approximately \$67,000, seconded by Committee Member Melnik. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

Discussion of Ordinance No. 1233 – Capital Improvements Impact Fees

Chairperson Ahner requested the Committee review Ordinance #1233 – Capital Improvements Impact Fees as after its first reading in Council it will be sent to the Committee.

Request of Citizens

-None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

- ** *Councilperson Brush moved to approve the Finance Committee minutes, seconded by Councilperson Melnik and passed unanimously, 8-0.*

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Finance Committee: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 – 6:00 pm
Flood Control Board: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 – 6:00 pm

REQUEST OF CITIZENS

Keep Miles City Beautiful: Janelle Grant

Janelle Grant addressed the Council regarding the “Keep Miles City Beautiful” group, which is a “Keep America Beautiful” affiliate as of the fall of 2010. Ms. Grant detailed some of the activities of the group, including joining with the City of Miles City, the Chamber of Commerce, Solid Waste Landfill Board and others in the Great American Cleanup Day in May. They also work on litter reduction, waste reduction and recycling, beautification of public areas and obtaining grants through

the Keep America Beautiful organization. Ms. Grant asked for the City's support in their efforts, and also for renewed efforts on the City's part in keeping City property weed free.

Four additional trash cans that match the current ones on Main Street may be obtained, with the hope that the City will place these on Main Street in some of the places where they are lacking.

The Mayor applauded the group's efforts, and asked that the group Contact him with any problem they see regarding weeds. Councilperson Ahner echoed the Mayor's praise, and said he has seen the need for additional trash cans on the sidewalks on the south of Main Street. He also mentioned that a different type of can may be needed in the parks, as he has noticed that the squirrels are able to get into the trash cans we currently have.

STAFF REPORTS

Al Kelm, Public Utilities Director – Director Kelm updated the council on the wastewater treatment plant upgrade, Phase I. Financing is being obtained from the DWSRF (Dirty Water State Revolving Fund). Some of these projects are things that will be required by the DEQ to bring us into compliance with the most current regulations. The lift station on Haynes Avenue across from the Ford dealership will also be replaced – it is currently 33 years old, many parts are obsolete, the tubing is beginning to rust and the concrete walls are beginning to fail.

The engineer's estimate is \$3,310,000. \$1.5 million will be used from reserves and \$1.81 million will be in loans. \$300,000 is forgiveness of loans or grants.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilperson Uden will not be at the next meeting and asked permission to be absent in excess of ten days.

** *Councilperson Ahner moved to approve Councilperson Uden's request, seconded by Councilperson Brush and passed unanimously.*

Councilperson Ahner expressed his thoughts on the swimming area and the aquatic playground that had been discussed in the Swimming Pool Committee meeting. The Aquatic Group feels the aquatic area should be located at Wibaux Park instead of the Natural Oasis. If it was located immediately adjacent to the existing wading pool, the fencing could be expanded to include both facilities and they could both use the same water system.

Councilperson Ahner also commented on the Tedesco baseball field. The Outlaw Baseball Club has asked to start this week on pouring some concrete. He was told that they have a narrow window of opportunity to get some concrete poured for the dugouts and support for the backstop. He visited with the Mayor, Public Utilities Director Kelm and Parks Foreman Brady Stone, and the Club was told to go ahead and start on the concrete. They do, however, need to conform to the City's policy on improvements. They will need to meet with the Public Services Committee to go through the donation policy. These improvements will constitute a fairly significant donation to the city

Councilperson Brush, referring to Resolution 3472, which is slated under New Business, asked when the City is planning on paving the street from Lincoln to Edgewood. Director Kelm spoke on this issue. He said that from N. Montana to the corner of Robinson and North Merriam, we are getting ready to obtain prices, do an

assessment and go out to bid. We should be able to do that as soon as the ground warms up enough to do the work. He has spoken to one of the pavers and was told we will be the first one on their list.

MAYOR COMMENT

Mayor Grenz suggested the Council lower water rates by 25% of the most recent rate increase. Referring to the increased costs that will be coming in response to new DEQ and EPA guidelines, he also suggested that, at the same time, sewer rates be increased at 3% a year so that the money will be set aside to take care of these expenses when they occur.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

-- None --

OLD BUSINESS

Public Service Committee Recommendations of 3/5/12 Riverside Park Bathroom Construction

Mayor Grenz said he would like to separate the bathrooms from the sidewalk so that local contractors could bid on it. It was noted that the project does go out for bids, so local contractors would be eligible to bid, also.

Councilperson Ahner set out the monies as follows

Rotary	\$100,000
CTEP	\$300,000
City of Miles City	\$ 17,000

Of the City's portion, \$9,000 of the \$17,000 is for the ADA compliant parking lot.

** *Councilperson Partridge moved to accept the Public Service Committee's recommendations, seconded by Councilperson Ahner.*

** *Councilperson Brush moved to amend the recommendations to use porcelain instead of stainless steel fixtures and to use cold instead of hot air hand dryers. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Partridge and passed unanimously, 8-0.*

The original motion by Councilperson Partridge was then passed unanimously, 8-0.

BID OPENINGS/AWARDS

Director Kelm said there were two bids received for the 1911 Water Tank Demolition:

Pittsburgh Tank & Tower:	\$37,421
Isler Demolition	\$46,800

** *Councilperson Ahner moved to refer the bids to the Finance Committee, seconded by Councilperson Uden and passed unanimously, 8-0.*

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **ORDINANCE NO. 1233 (FIRST READING):** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE AND IMPOSITION OF IMPACT FEES TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF MILES CITY, ESTABLISHING AN IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
- ** *Councilperson Ahner moved to accept the Ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilperson Uden.*
- ** *Councilperson Hollowell moved to amend the ordinance by adding to Sec. 6, Paragraph 2, first sentence, "...if a building permit is required, **and a flood plain permit, if it is required**, for the development..." Councilperson Brush seconded the motion to amend, which passed unanimously, 8-0.*
- ** *Councilperson Hollowell moved to amend the ordinance by changing the word "will" to "**well**" in the next sentence of that paragraph. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Ahner and passed unanimously, 8-0.*
- Councilperson Ahner's motion to accept the Ordinance was then passed unanimously, 8-0, on roll call vote. Ordinance 1233 was referred to the Finance Committee.*
- b. **ORDINANCE NO. 1235:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 3-37(b) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY, MONTANA RELATING TO LOCATIONS FOR RETAIL SALE OF BEER AND WINE TO INCLUDE BLOCKS 2 AND 4 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE KOA KAMPGROUND) AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.
- ** *Councilperson Partridge moved to accept the Ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilperson Galbraith. After discussion the motion passed on roll call vote, with Councilpersons Partridge, Hollowell and Brush voting no. The ordinance was referred to the Public Safety Committee.*
- c. **ORDINANCE NO. 1236:** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 16-42, AND REVISING SECTIONS 16-43, 16-45 AND 16-46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY, MONTANA, REGARDING FIREARMS SO AS TO CONFORM TO STATE STATUTE. SECTIONS 16-43, 16-45 AND 16-46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY, MONTANA REGARDING FIREARMS SO AS TO CONFORM TO STATE STATUTE.
- ** *Councilperson Uden moved to accept the Ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilperson Melnik. After discussion the motion was passed on roll call vote, 8-0. Ordinance No. 1236 was referred to the Public Safety Committee.*
- d. **RESOLUTION NO. 3471:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CONTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO DAN CONNOR STADIUM AT DENTON SPORTS COMPLEX FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTANA-NORTH DAKOTA ALLSTAR FOOTBALL GAME TO THE CITY OF MILES CITY, AND EXPRESSING THE CITY'S APPRECIATION FOR SUCH PROJECT
- ** *Councilperson Ahner moved to accept the Resolution by title only, seconded by Councilperson Melnik. After discussion, wherein the Council and Mayor expressed their appreciation for the tremendous contributions, both in monies and hard work, that this group and others have donated to the City of Miles City in the last few years, the motion passed on roll call vote 8-0.*

Director Kelm said there is still \$10,000 slated for the third baseline bathroom and

\$30,000 reserved for other projects.

- e. **RESOLUTION NO. 3472:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILES CITY AND DOWL, LLC, D/B/A/DOWL- HKM, FOR DESIGN FOR THE STREVELL AVENUE AREA STREET AND WATER MAIN PROJECT.

** *Councilperson Brush moved to adopt the Resolution by title only, seconded by Councilperson Hollowell.*

Director Kelm explained Exhibit A, which would have been attached to the resolution but had been missing from the packet. It has no dollar figures, but only addresses the scope of engineering services, which he identified for the Council. Not moving forward with the resolution, he said, may jeopardize finishing the project by the end of the year.

On roll call vote, the motion to adopt Resolution 3472 passed unanimously, 8-0.

- f. **Approval of February Claims**

** Councilperson Uden moved to approve the February claims, seconded by Councilperson Brush and passed unanimously, 8-0.

- g. **Request for Approval or Disapproval of Signage Plan for Sleep Inn on 1000 Block of Haynes Avenue**

City Planner Broadie gave an overview of the three signs planned by the Town Pump Corporation. She had suggested the free-standing sign be street level, similar to the Stockman Bank and Miles City Clinic signs, instead of the 65', rock base sign proposed. Discussion by the Council pointed out that the City has no ordinance or regulations that would apply to this. Building codes and the Department of Transportation would also have regulations, which would have already been complied with by Town Pump. Two representatives from Town Pump addressed the Council, also, and asked for its support for the signs as presented.

** *Councilperson Uden moved that the Council approve the signage plan for Sleep Inn as presented, seconded by Councilperson Brush and 6-1, with Councilperson Partridge voting no and Councilperson Hollowell abstaining.*

- h. **Recommendations from Finance Committee Meeting of 3/6/12:**

Reduce Flood Plain Variance Fee

Councilperson Ahner stated the Floodplain Administrator had requested this, explaining that it would then conform with the Board of Adjustments variance fees.

** *Councilperson Ahner moved to reduce the Flood Plain Regulation Variance Fee from the current rate of \$375 to a rate of \$75 as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by Councilperson Brush and, on roll call vote, passed unanimously, 8-0.*

Proceed with Grant Application for Engineering for Hazard Mitigation of Water Treatment Plant

** *Councilperson Brush moved to proceed with the grant application, seconded by Councilperson Hollowell.*

Councilperson Brush said she is not sure this is the right time to proceed with this. Councilperson Ahner also spoke against the grant, saying that a portion of the engineering costs would have to be paid by the City, about \$18,000. The grant would be 75% of the total cost of the project, and if the City would not be able to come up with the 25%, the engineering costs money would have been wasted. Director Kelm said that, without the engineering study, we are not going to know what the cost of the 25% would be. The council expressed appreciation to Director Kelm and Administrator Colton for

trying to find money for the City. Director Kelm said that he was not in favor of applying for this grant at this time.

On the original motion and on roll call vote, the motion failed 6-2, with Councilpersons Partridge and Brush voting yes.

Purchase of Soft Start Equipment for Water Treatment Plant

*** Councilperson Ahner moved to approve the purchase of the Soft Start Equipment for the Water Treatment Plant, as approved by the Finance Committee, seconded by Councilperson Uden.*

Councilperson Ahner stated that, through an energy audit of a few years ago, the City became eligible for some grant funds through the Department of Environmental Quality & Montana Dakota Utilities in the total amount of \$67 - \$68,000. It would pay for the entire cost of the fourteen soft start variable frequency drives (nine at the Water Plant and five at the Wastewater Treatment Facility). It will save us about \$7,000 annually in energy costs.

On the original motion and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

i. Approval of Grant Application: Historic Preservation Office

Administrator Broadie informed the Council that this grant is the same as we have applied for in years past; we don't have to accept the funds, but we should begin the application process.

*** Councilperson Brush moved to approve the grant application, seconded by Councilperson Partridge and passed unanimously, 8-0.*

ADJOURNMENT

*** Councilperson Uden made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Brush. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.*

The meeting was adjourned 9:00 p.m.

C.A. GRENZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

BECKY STANTON, City Clerk