SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 2012 **12:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The special council meeting was held Wednesday, February 8, 2012, in the Conference Room at City Hall. Mayor Chris Grenz called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were John Uden, Jerry Partridge, John Hollowell, Sue Galbraith, Roxanna Brush and Dwayne Andrews. Councilmember Mark Ahner arrived at 12:10pm. Councilmember Bill Melnik was absent.

Also present were Fire Chief Dale Berg, Police Chief Doug Colombik, City Planner Dianna Broadie, Dispatch Supervisor Heather Roos, Director of Public Utilities Al Kelm, Human Resource/Payroll Officer Billie Burkhalter, and Council Recorder/City Clerk Becky Stanton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grenz led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by the City Clerk

APPOINTMENTS

A. Appointment to Airport Commission

Mayor Grenz nominated himself and Councilperson Galbraith nominated Councilperson Andrews. Mayor Grenz asked if there were any more nominations and when there were not, he closed the nominations.

** *On roll call vote, Mayor Grenz was appointed to the Airport Commission by a unanimous vote, 6-0.*

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 3454: A Resolution establishing wages and salaries for City Employees for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

** *Councilperson Uden made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3454, seconded by Councilperson Brush and, on roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.*

b. Resolution No. 3463: A Resolution Establishing an Increase in Salaries for the Members of the Miles City Police Department and Providing for an Effective Date for Such Raises.

** *Councilperson Uden made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3464, seconded by Councilperson Brush.*

Councilperson Uden stressed to the Council that the Miles City Police Department is the lowest paid in all Class 1, 2 & 3 municipals. With this increase in wages, it gives the City a basis for recruitment and a basis for retention.

Councilperson Galbraith asked if this raise would place the salaries for the police officers at the mean average of the other cities. Mayor Grenz said they would still be lower than the mean. She then asked if these raises were in the budget. Councilperson Ahner said that there was savings in the Department due to vacancies savings to cover the current fiscal years costs and they will need to be budgeted in FY 2012-2013.

** *On roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.*

Chief Colombik explained that felonies are higher now than a year ago. There is an increase in violence and it is going to increase with the oil activities. He is concerned about having enough officers to answer dispatch calls.

ADJOURNMENT

** The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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CHRIS A GRENZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

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BECKY STANTON, City Clerk