

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The regular council meeting was held Tuesday, January 10, 2012 in the City Council Room at City Hall. Mayor Butch Grenz called the meeting to order. Council members present were Susan Galbraith, Dwayne Andrews, Roxanna Brush, Jerry Partridge, John Uden, John Hollowell and Bill Melnik. Mark Ahner was excused.

Also present were Police Chief Doug Colombik, Fire Chief Dale Berg, Public Services Director Al Kelm, City Planner Dianna Broadie and Council Recorder HR/Payroll Officer Billie Burkhalter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grenz led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Council Minutes – 12/27/2011

** *Councilperson Partridge made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2011, without any corrections, seconded by Councilperson Brush; motion carried unanimously, 7 – 0.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-None

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

-None

CONSENT AGENDA

-None

PUBLIC COMMENT

-None

STAFF REPORTS

Director Kelm explained he has advertised for bids for the 10 inch waterline and the Council would be opening bids next meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

-None

MAYOR COMMENT

Mayor Grenz stated his Administration Mission Statement is a commitment to be good stewards of our constituents' tax dollars, and requested the Council to verbally make this same commitment and requested a roll call vote.

Councilperson Galbraith requested clarification on what she would be voting on, voicing her concern that she will be a good steward of the taxpayers' money, but her opinion on what that responsibility entails could be different from the Mayor's. Mayor

Grenz explained in his administration that he is going to try and get a lot of things done and does not want to have to pull teeth on everything. Mayor Grenz stated he is just trying to make sure everyone is going to the same place and be better stewards of taxpayers' money. Councilperson Galbraith responded that she is dedicated to being a good steward of the taxpayers' dollars.

** *on roll call vote there was an unanimous vote 7-0.*

Mayor Grenz stated the short term goals and those assigned to them are:

- Improvements to the City Pool Councilperson Partridge & Hollowell
- Quiet Zone (railroad) Councilperson Uden & Galbraith
- Lower Water Rates Councilperson Ahner & Mayor Grenz
- Repair Streets: Councilperson Andrews & Director Kelm
 - Mayor Grenz instructed Director Kelm to hire enough seasonal labor to accomplish this job.

- Mutual Aid Agreement w/ County Councilperson Ahner, Uden & Mayor Grenz
- Dike Repair: Mayor Grenz & Director Kelm
 - *remove all trees, widen & heighten and hire sufficient labor to complete the job.

Mayor Grenz stated long term goals and those assigned to them are:

- Form a Charter Form of Government to end all the duplication of services and provide the taxpayers with a referendum to give them a voice in local government issues.

Mayor Grenz stated problems that need immediate attention are:

- Slough: this will be referred to legal counsel

Mayor Grenz directed Chief Colombik to give his recommendations to the Human Resources Committee to fill the two Captains positions and the Lt. Detective position and to hire new officers that are already in the Police Department budget. He further directed Chief Colombik to go to the Finance Committee concerning the Police pay matrix.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Grenz appointed Councilperson Brush to the Health Board Committee.

** *Councilperson Uden made a motion to approve the appointment of Roxanna Brush to the Health Board Committee, seconded by Councilperson Partridge; motion carried unanimously, 7 – 0.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

-none

OLD BUSINESS

-none

BID OPENING/AWARDS

-None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment of Committee seats:

Finance Committee: Councilperson Partridge
Councilperson Melnik
Councilperson Ahner
Councilperson Brush

Public Safety: Councilperson Galbraith
Councilperson Uden
Councilperson Ahner
Councilperson Andrews

Human Resources: Councilperson Melnik
Councilperson Uden
Councilperson Hollowell
Councilperson Andrews

Public Service: Councilperson Galbraith
Councilperson Partridge
Councilperson Hollowell
Councilperson Brush

Flood Control: Councilperson Galbraith
Councilperson Partridge
Councilperson Hollowell
Councilperson Andrews

** *No motion was made.*

b. Election of Council President

Councilperson Melnik nominated Mark Ahner for Council President, seconded by Councilperson Brush. Councilperson Hollowell nominated Jerry Partridge, who turned down the nomination. Councilperson Uden moved to close the nominations, seconded by Councilperson Melnik.

** *Motion carried 6 to 1.*

c. Ordinance No. 1229: An Ordinance amending sections 22-144 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miles City regarding speed limits, providing for a 15 miles per hour speed limit on Pearl Street from its intersection with Montana Avenue through its intersection with South Jordan Avenue.

Mayor Grenz stated this Ordinance needs to be referred to Public Safety, based upon Attorney Huss's memo, for a study to be completed concerning the arterial streets around Pearl Street. Councilperson Uden set a Public Safety meeting for Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Grenz requested the Committee consider placing flashing signs for 15 mph speed zones during school hours. Councilperson Uden requested Director Kelm be present at the Public Safety meeting as this would affect his budget. Mayor Grenz stated he would give Director Kelm a budget amendment if he needed one.

Mervin Meidinger, 1210 N. Prairie, requested a dead end sign be placed on Prairie Street. Director Kelm will come back with recommendations.

d. Ordinance No. 1230: An Ordinance amending the definition of "Kennel", defining "Animal Rescue Shelters" providing a permitting process.

** *Councilperson Uden made a motion to approve on first reading, Ordinance No. 1230: An Ordinance amending the definition of “Kennel”, defining “Animal Rescue Shelters” providing a permitting process, seconded by Councilperson Melnik*

Councilperson Galbraith requested clarification on how this Ordinance would be handled.

** *and on roll call vote, motion carried 6-1 with Councilperson Galbraith voting nay.*

Mayor Grenz explained he needed to appoint more committee members:

Zoning Commission: Chair LeRoy Meidinger
Amber Trenka
Nancy Mitchel
Muriel Rost
Mayor Grenz

*One to be named by County Commissioners

Mayor Grenz explained that LeRoy Meidinger and himself would be the new additions to the Zoning Commission and requested Council approval.

** *Councilperson Partridge made a motion to approve the appointment of Leroy Meidinger and Chris Grenz to the Zoning Board Committee, seconded by Councilperson Brush; motion carried unanimously, 7 – 0.*

PROCLAMATIONS

-None

ADJOURNMENT

** *Councilperson Partridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Hollowell.*

Muriel Rost, 107 S Stacy, requested clarification on who had been appointed to the Zoning Commission. Mayor Grenz read off the names of the members and clarified that he would resign from the committee when the County appointed their member.

Mayor Grenz appointed the following members to Ad Hoc Committees:

Acting Advisors to the Zoning Commission: John Kuntz
Ken Monier
Dennis Baaken
Sheena Martin
John Laney

* This pool of people can be picked from in case there happens to be a vacancy on this board.

Mayor Grenz appointed Mark Hilderbrand to the Police Commission to take the place of Terry Cline. He thanked Terry Cline for his service.

** *Councilperson Partridge made a motion to approve the appointment of Mark Hilderbrand to the Police Commission to take the place of Terry Cline, seconded by Councilperson Hollowell; motion carried unanimously, 7 – 0.*

Meeting was adjourned 7:27 p.m.

C.A. GRENZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

BECKY STANTON, City Clerk