

**PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
MILES CITY, MONTANA**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**November 26, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, November 26, 2013, in the City Council Conference room at City Hall, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana. Mayor C.A. Grenz called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Roxanna Brush, Sue Galbraith, Mark Ahner, John Uden, Bill Melnik, and Jerry Partridge. John Hollowell and Dwayne Andrews were excused.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Planner in Training/Grant Administrator Dawn Colton, Public Utility Director Al Kelm, Public Works Director Scott Gray and City Clerk/Council Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grenz led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular Council Minutes – 11/12/2013

****** *Councilperson Brush moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 12, 2013, seconded by Councilperson Uden and passed unanimously, 6-0*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

Planning Board	December 3	6:00 PM
Finance Committee	December 4	12:00 PM

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Pearce asked the Council if they knew of anyone that could take a picture of the Council. If so, contact her so pictures can be taken at the next council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Brush stated that Dave DeGrandpre presented the changes on the ordinance for site plan review and they will be discussed at the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Dec 3rd.

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Councilperson Uden offered his compliment to Attorney Rice and his office for the recent handling of a public nuisance issue that has been around for a long time.

Councilperson Galbraith mentioned that the Miles City Star reported that the City had approved the construction of City Brew. She felt that was an error and would talk to the editor to get it corrected.

MAYOR COMMENTS

The City received a letter from DNRC explaining that the interest rates are going down from 3.75% to 3.0%. This action will save the City around \$ 450,000.

The ambulance fund is hemorrhaging terribly. Mayor Grenz has asked Chief Berg to have a plan to present to the Council at the first meeting in January. He also explained the \$300,000 that is overspent in the ambulance fund is being covered by the General Fund.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Zoning Commission Meeting of Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Recommend Approval of Zone Change Request at Horizon Park Subdivision, Tract F-1, A, B, C & D (Bobcat Property) from Heavy Commercial to General Commercial.

Mayor Grenz said the request will have to become an ordinance. He said the zone change will allow apartments and a business on the property. Councilperson Galbraith asked if there will be a chance to review the plan. Mayor Grenz answered yes, once it becomes an ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

BID AWARDS

None

BID OPENING

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1260: (*First Reading*) An Ordinance Amending Section 24-53 And 24-54 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Miles City, Montana, So As To Remove The Requirement For Site Plan Review For Four-Plex And Below

Councilperson Ahner asked if this was the major amendment that should have been made previously, but wasn't. Councilperson Brush confirmed that this is the amendment that was made before being finally being passed, but was not changed in the Ordinance prior to codification. This Ordinance will correct that error.

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****** *Councilperson Brush moved to approve Ordinance No. 1260 by title only, seconded by Councilperson Melnik. On roll call vote, the **motion passed** by unanimous consent, 6-0.*

RESOLUTION NO. 3650: A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Miles City To Enter Into A Montana Renewable Resource Project Planning Grant Agreement With The Department Of Natural Resources And Conservation.

Councilperson Ahner commented the City had appropriated a total of \$187,000 for the dike study. The City had estimated a \$10,000 grant from DNRC and \$60,000 from Community Block Development Grant. So far the City has received \$5,000 from DNRC. Administrator Colton commented that she has not heard from Community Block Development Grant.

****** *Councilperson Uden moved to approve Resolution No. 3650 by title only, seconded by Councilperson Galbraith. On roll call vote, the **motion passed** by unanimous consent, 6-0.*

ADJOURNMENT

****** *Councilperson Melnik moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Brush and passed unanimously, 6-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



C.A. Grenz, Mayor



Lorrie Pearce
City Clerk