

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MILES CITY, MONTANA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING January 13, 2015 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, January 13, 2015, in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana. Mayor Grenz called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Roxanna Brush, Mark Ahner, Sheena Martin, Dwayne Andrews, Ken Gardner and Jerry Partridge. Councilpersons John Hollowell and Susanne Galbraith were excused.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Public Utilities Director Al Kelm, Interim Fire Chief Cameron Duffin, Grant Administrator /Historic Preservation Officer Connie Muggli, Dispatch Supervisor Heather Roos and Deputy City Clerk/Minute Recorder Connie Watts.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grenz led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

** *Councilperson Andrews nominated Councilperson Hollowell as Council president, seconded by Councilperson Partridge.*

Mayor Grenz called for additional nominations. Hearing none, he declared the nominations closed.

* *Councilperson Andrews' motion then passed unanimously.*
Councilperson Hollowell was reelected as Council President.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

City Council Minutes: 12/23/2014

** *Councilperson Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 23, 2014, seconded by Councilperson Brush. On roll call vote the motion passed unanimously, 6-0.*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

The following meetings will be held in the City Hall Conference Room:

- Public Safety Meeting: Wednesday, January 21st @ 6:00 pm
- Health Board Meeting: Monday, January 19th @ 5:15 pm
- Planning Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 20th @ 6:00 pm
- Planning Board Meeting: Monday, January 26th @ 6:00 pm

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

Standing Committees:

Mayor Grenz placed all standing committee appointments on a consent agenda. He proposed all committees remain the same as last year. There were no objections from the Council.

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** *Councilperson Ahner moved to approve the standing committees as they were structured in the past year, seconded by Councilperson Brush and passed unanimously, 6-0. The committees for the year 2015 are as follows:*

Finance: Susanne Galbraith, Sheena Martin, John Hollowell, Dwayne Andrews

Public Services: Susanne Galbraith, Jerry Partridge, John Hollowell, Dwayne Andrews

Public Safety: Susanne Galbraith, Jerry Partridge, Mark Ahner, Roxanna Brush

Flood Control: Ken Gardner, Sheena Martin, John Hollowell, Dwayne Andrews

Human Resources: Ken Gardner, Sheena Martin, Mark Ahner, Roxanna Brush

Zoning Commission, Miles City Health Board, Planning Board, Board of Appeals

Mayor Grenz placed the above committee appointments on a consent agenda.

** *Councilperson Brush moved to approve the board members as proposed, seconded by Councilperson Gardner and passed unanimously, 6-0. The committee members appointed were as follows:*

Zoning Commission: Nancy Mitchell, LeRoy Meidinger

Miles City Health Board: Donna Faber, Amber Trenka

Planning Board: John Hollowell, Roxanna Brush, Brad Certain, Carol Hardesty, Twila Wilhelm, Colette Butcher, Spencer Haynes

Board of Appeals: Derrick Rodgers

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Interim Fire Chief Duffin distributed a chart comparing the calls for service by the Fire Department from 2005 through 2014. He noted that total calls have increased 64.5 percent during that time, with medical calls accounting for almost 82% of that total. He was not sure on what to base the increase, but suspected a lot of little things, such as a small population increase, an increasing older population, and probably transients relating to the Bakken oil fields all contributed.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Sheena Martin: Reported, as a member of the Historic Preservation Committee, that the Denton Field Complex/Connor Stadium is being considered to be included on the National Register of Historic Places. She asked for support from the Mayor and Council for this effort.

Roxanna Brush: Thanked whoever plowed many blocks of snow in her neighborhood.

Dwayne Andrews: Said he felt the City has done a great job in clearing snow this year, especially since we have had so much of it lately.

MAYOR COMMENTS

- Said he hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas
- Mentioned the City has received over 30 applications for Fire Chief from all over the country. He will be putting together a hiring committee to review them.

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- Received an invitation from the Montana Liquid Gas and Pipeline Association to attend a complimentary luncheon at the Country Club on February 24th. If anyone would like to attend, please let him know and he will register him or her for the luncheon.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

BID OPENINGS/AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 1285:** *(First Reading)* An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Of Tract A In Certificate Of Survey No. 141761, Tract B In Certificate Of Survey No. 158155, And Tract 1 Of The Ponderosa Tracts / Hardesty Tracts, From Mixed Zones To Heavy Commercial Zone, And Providing For A Hearing Thereon (*McBain-Sanjel Request: Yellowstone Valley*)

- ** *Councilperson Brush moved to adopt Ordinance 1285 on first reading and by title only, seconded by Councilperson Martin.*

During discussion, representatives from Sanjel said there are about 35 total acres owned by Sanjel in that area, but they are only developing 25 of those acres at this time. Mayor Grenz thanked Sanjel for choosing to locate in Miles City.

- * *On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 6-0. **Ordinance 1285 passed on first reading and was referred to the Finance Committee.***

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 3767:** *(First Reading)* A Resolution Pursuant To §7-6-4006 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment Of Final Budget For FY 2014-2015 To Increase The Budgeted Amount In Fund # 4000-501-410100-940 And #4000-141000 To Fund The Purchase Of Two Police Vehicles

- ** *Councilperson Ahner moved to adopt the resolution by title only, seconded by Councilperson Andrews. After brief discussion, the motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0. **Resolution No. 3767 passed on first reading.***

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 3769:** A Resolution Approving A Proposal From Dorsey & Whitney LLP For Provision Of Professional Services Related To Obtaining A Sewer System Revenue Bond For Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

- ** *Councilperson Brush moved to adopt the resolution by title only, seconded by Councilperson Andrews.*

- ** *Councilperson Ahner then moved to amend Councilperson Brush's motion to first refer the resolution to the Finance*

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Committee for review and recommendation prior to passage, seconded by Councilperson Andrews. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

* *Councilperson Brush's original motion, as amended, then passed unanimously, 6-0. **Resolution 3769** was referred to the **Finance Committee.***

D. RESOLUTION NO. 3770: *(First Reading)* A Resolution Pursuant To §7-6-4006 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment Of Final Budget For FY 2014-2015 To Increase The Budgeted Amount In Fund # 1000-005-420160-143 To Fund 6 Months Benefits For One Full Time Dispatcher

** *Councilperson Ahner moved to approve the resolution on first reading, read by title only, and refer to the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Andrews and, on roll call vote, passed unanimously, 6-0. **Resolution No. 3770** was approved on first reading and referred to the Finance Committee.*

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjournment, Mayor Grenz told the Council the City Clerk recently had surgery, and Councilperson Galbraith's father was in the hospital. He wished a speedy recovery for both.

** *Councilperson Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Brush and passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



C.A. Grenz, Mayor



Lorrie Pearce, City Clerk