

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MILES CITY, MONTANA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING June 9, 2015

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, June 9, 2015, in the City Hall 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 Mark Ahner, Ken Gardner, Jerry Partridge, Sheena Martin, John Hollowell, Dwayne Andrews, Roxanna Brush and Susanne Galbraith.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Fire Chief Gary Warren, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Grant Administrator /Historic Preservation Officer Connie Muggli, Grant Writer/Planner in Training Dawn Colton, and City Clerk/Minute Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grenz led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

City Council Minutes: 5/26/2015

** *Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 26, 2015, and seconded by Councilperson Gardner. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

Human Resource Committee: 5/20/15

** *Councilperson Brush moved to approve the minutes of the Human Resource Meeting of May 20, 2015, and seconded by Councilperson Gardner. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

Finance Committee: 5/21/15

** *Councilperson Ahner moved to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of May 21, 2015, and seconded by Councilperson Galbraith. The motion **passed**, with correction, by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

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

- Planning Board June 18 @ 6pm
- Human Resource June 22 @ 6pm
- TIFD Committee June 12@ 2pm

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

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Connie Muggli: Thanked the American Legion for donating \$1,000 to the Denton Field. As to date the project has raised \$6,250.00. She added that there are 9 primary matching grants identified for the project.

Dawn Colton: Reported that the Americorp members will be leaving on Friday due to a flood problem in Wyoming.

Lorrie Pearce: Said that the Legislative Audit Division was at City Hall today auditing the payroll/Human Resource process. There were no corrective actions found. She commended Billie Burkhalter for a job well done.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

MAYOR COMMENTS

Announced that he will be absent Friday because he is going to Hardin to pursue a \$156,000 Coal Board grant for the Airport runway project. He added that he met with Matt Jones from BNSF and discussed removal of some old buildings, and adding a sidewalk on 4th Street. In addition, the old car wash on East Valley Drive is scheduled to be demolished soon.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

BID OPENINGS

None

BID AWARDS

Century Companies- Safe Routes to Schools sidewalks

****** *Councilperson Andrews moved to approve the bid from Century Companies, and seconded by Councilperson Brush. After a long discussion, the motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 3805:** 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 Funds # 2270-037-440140-350 to Fund Increased Expenses in the City Health Fund for Sanitarian Services

Mayor Grenz called for comments from proponents three times, then opponents three times and, hearing none, the hearing was closed.

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 1296:** An Ordinance Amending Section 22-151 of the Code of Ordinances Of The City of Miles City Regarding Applicability of Penalties For Refusing To Submit to Alcohol/Drug Breath and /or Blood test

Mayor Grenz called for comments from proponents three times, then opponents three times and, hearing none, the hearing was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 3804:** A Resolution Providing For A Capital Improvement Fund For the Ambulance Service of the City of Miles City

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**** Councilperson Galbraith moved to bypass the motion to send the resolution to finance committee for recommendation, second by Councilperson Ahner. The motion passed 8-0.**

**** Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the Resolution, by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Gardner.**

**** Councilperson Galbraith moved to change item 2 in the resolution to state \$24,000 instead of 3 percent, seconded by Councilperson Hollowell.**

Councilperson Ahner asked if by passing the resolution would not it reduce the revenue for the ambulance fund, and felt that it would make getting the ambulance out of the red more difficult.

Mayor Grenz explained that in a couple of years the ambulance fund is going to need a new ambulance, and by approving the resolution, it would put some money into a fund to help with matching for a grant.

Councilperson Ahner asked about getting a loan, and Clerk Pearce said that she didn't think that the ambulance fund could get a loan being so far in debt.

**** Councilperson Galbraith moved to amend her motion, to state in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 per fiscal year, second by Councilperson Hollowell. The motion passed by unanimous vote, 8-0.**

**** Councilperson Galbraith's original motion passed as amended by a vote of 7-1, with Councilperson Ahner voting no. Resolution No. 3804 passed with changes.**

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 3806: A Resolution Authorizing The City of Miles City To Contract with Dennis Hirsch for Building Inspection Service for Fiscal year 2015-2016

**** Councilperson Galbraith moved to pass the Resolution by title only, seconded by Councilperson Gardner.**

**** Councilperson Hollowell moved to strike Uniform in section one, and replace with International Building, seconded by Councilperson Brush. The motion passed 8-0.**

**** Councilperson Ahner moved to add a section d in section two of the contract to state, "Issuance of a building permit prior to Site Plan Review approval, when required, shall result in forfeiture of Inspector's fee for said permit, which shall be retained by the City, seconded by Councilperson Brush. After a long conversation the motion passed 7-1, with Councilperson Galbraith voting no.**

**** Councilperson Galbraith's original motion to approve Resolution No. 3806 passed as amended on roll call vote 8-0. Resolution No. 3806 passed as amended.**

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B. APPROVAL OF MAY CLAIMS

** *Councilperson Martin moved to approve the May claims, seconded by Councilperson Galbraith. On roll call vote, passed 8-0.*

ADJOURNMENT

** *Councilperson Ahner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Galbraith, and passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



C. A. Grenz, Mayor



Lorrie Pearce, City Clerk