

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

MILES CITY, MONTANA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING November 10, 2015

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, November 10, 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 Ken Gardner, Jerry Partridge, Rachel Sloan, Dwayne Andrews, Susanne Galbraith, John Hollowell, Roxanna Brush and Mark Ahner.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Police Officer Luke Smith, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Public Utilities Director Allen Kelm, Fire Chief Gary Warren, Grant Writer/Planner in Training Dawn Colton, Historic Preservation Officer/Grant Writer Connie Muggli 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: 10/27/2015

****** *Councilperson Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 27, 2015, and seconded by Councilperson Galbraith. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

None

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Blaine Watts, 2815 Tompy Street, representing the Miles City Baseball Association explained the date that Director Gray had given the association, June 15 through June 19 every other year for their tournament, probably wasn't the best date for them. He said that it was the weekend after the Harry Griffith tournament and felt there wasn't enough time to repair the field and get organized. He asked the City to consider the second week in August so the association could have the tournament annually.

Director Gray said that he tried to work with the association by offering them four dates. After going back and forth with the Miles City Baseball Association and the Outlaws with no agreement, he decided to make the decision himself as the Park Administrator.

The consensus of the City Council was that they supported Director Gray's decision, but hoped that a better date that worked for the Miles City Baseball Association could be worked out.

APPOINTMENTS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Clerk Pearce explained that the annual audit went well. One item that the City had been written up for last year did not make it on this year findings. She was very

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pleased. She also asked the Council if it wanted to treat the process for filling the two vacant positions in Ward III, the same as last time. The consensus was to advertise and bring all letters of interest to the Council.

Director Kelm announced that there was a water leak in front of the Water Treatment Plant and would not be fixed until midafternoon Thursday. He asked the Public to conserve water.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Gardner wanted to remind the public that cold weather is coming and our four legged friends need adequate food and water.

Councilperson Brush said there was a serious accident in her ward. A pickup truck hit a dirt bike coming out of the Transco property. She said that in the past there had been plenty of signs erected, but were being taken down or vandalized by someone. She didn't know what the answer was, but felt it needed to be controlled. Councilperson Gardner said that Wells Street had the same problem until heavy duty signs (ones that couldn't be torn down) were put up.

Councilperson Hollowell said that he had noticed some lawn leaves were not being bagged but dumped into the street. He reminded everyone that doing this blocks the storm drainage system, and in the spring there will be a drainage problem.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Congratulated Councilperson Hollowell for a well runned campaign and wished him the best of luck. He also asked Council if they see something illegally being done, would they do something about it or just let it go. Most of the Council thought that it was his decision and would do what was appropriate.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend approval of Ambulance request payment be reduced to \$15.00

*** Councilperson Galbraith moved to reduce the said ambulance payment to \$15.00 a month and seconded by Councilperson Andrews. The motion passed 6-2 with Councilperson Ahner and Partridge voting no*

BID OPENINGS

502 Marion Street Property

Three bids were received:

- Shannon Molzahn for an amount of \$7,550
- Christopher Todoroff for an amount of \$9,500
- Ed Martin for an amount of \$15,555

*** Councilperson Ahner moved to refer the bids to the Finance Committee and seconded by Councilperson Partridge. The motion passed 8-0*

BID AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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A. Renovation of Council Chamber

****** Councilperson Hollowell moved to accept plan B for the renovation of the Council Chambers, seconded by Councilperson Brush. After a long discussion the motion failed 8-0

****** Councilperson Hollowell moved to refer the renovation to the Finance Committee for review and seconded by Councilperson Brush. The motion passed 7-1 with Councilperson Ahner voting no.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 1300: (First Reading) An Ordinance Pursuant to Title 7 Chapter 15 Part 42 of the Montana Code Annotated Establishing the Miles City Downtown Urban Renewal Agency and providing For its Operation

****** Councilperson Hollowell moved to approve the Ordinance, by title only, seconded by Councilperson Galbraith and on roll call vote passed 8-0. Mayor Grenz referred the Ordinance to the Finance Committee

C. RESOLUTION NO. 3863: A Resolution Adopting Findings of Fact and Approving the Amended Plat for the Purpose of Boundary Line Relocation of Lots 2-6 in Block 2 of the Woodland Park Addition to the City of Miles City

****** Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilperson Hollowell. On roll call vote the motion passed 8-0. Resolution No. 3863 passed

D. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER CLAIMS

****** Councilperson Hollowell moved to approve October claims seconded by Councilperson Galbraith and on roll call vote passed 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



C. A. Grenz, Mayor



Lorrie Pearce, City Clerk