

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL MILES CITY, MONTANA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2016 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, January 26, 2016, in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana. Mayor John Hollowell called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Dwayne Andrews, Jeff Erlenbusch, Susanne Galbraith, Ken Gardner, Brant Kassner, Rachel Sloan, John Uden, and Kathryn Wilcox.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Public Utilities Director Allen Kelm, Fire Chief Gary Warren, Grant Writer/Planner in Training Dawn Colton, Flood Planner Samantha Malenovsky, Police Sargent Steve Fenner, and Deputy City Clerk/Minute Recorder Linda Wilkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hollowell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Special City Council Meeting Minutes: 1/13/16

** *Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of January 13, 2016, and seconded by Councilperson Erlenbusch. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

Study Commission – hosted by Ken Weaver and Judith Mathre 2/18/2016 @ 5:15pm. This meeting is regarding changing the city to a charter form of government

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Letter from Citizen – A letter was read by Mayor Hollowell from Bonnie Boggs regarding the recent homicides in Miles City and Missoula. Her sister was the victim in the homicide in Missoula. She expressed her concern over the handling of the investigation of the homicide here in Miles City.

A letter was also read from Cub Scout Troop 245 expressing their thanks to the Miles City Fire Department for the tour and questions answered on behalf of the Miles City Fire Department.

Mayor Hollowell stated the letters were offered for the thoughts and considerations of the council members and thanked the Cub Scout Troop.

APPOINTMENTS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

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None

STAFF REPORTS

Samantha Malenovsky flood issue update to the Council on the following:

1. An outline of the Flood Insurance Meeting on Tuesday, February 9 Mary Jo Brady from FEMA will be giving an update regarding the increase in flood insurance rates on April 1. The meeting schedule is:
 - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Insurance Agents and Lenders
 - 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Realtors
 - 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Public Presentations, three sessions of the same topic at; 5:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.Council members are invited to attend any and all presentations.
2. April 27 is Flood Awareness Day the agenda is not finalized, but attending will be the DNR, Army Corp of Engineers and KLLJ.
3. Although we are not officially signed on with the Army Corp of Engineers; they have been working on an initial 205 Feasibility Study and will have something to the City by late March for review. The first \$100,000 is at no cost to the city, this triggers the city's signing an agreement with the Corp for more studies.
4. She has been working with Congressional staff on multiple issues on the project. Senator Daines' staff has been in contact and they are planning on putting a line item in the President's budget to help in the construction of the levy. There is a slim chance of this happening, but it is good to know we have the support of congressional staff.
5. CBDG grant was not awarded for \$30,000. She is currently working on a budget amendment County said they would split cost 50/50 \$15,000.
6. Update on a restroom for Milwaukee Park. There are properties across from the park that are may be out of the flood plain. HKM/DOWL has offered to donate services to assess the sites. The City thanked them for donating their services

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson John Uden suggested that brief standing committee meetings be scheduled prior to the next City Council Meeting to appoint a Chairperson for each committee. There was discussion regarding the number of committees and that it would be time prohibitive to schedule all meetings prior to the Council Meeting. Any two members may request to schedule a meeting for any committee. It was also noted that all Standing Committee Meetings must be noticed to the public prior to being convened. Meetings will be scheduled individually to appoint new chairpersons and discuss any current issues.

Councilperson Susanne Galbraith sits on the Solid Waste Board and stressed the importance of recycling and disposing of waste properly.

MAYOR COMMENTS

1. A citizen expressed concern to the Mayor on the shoveling of snow from sidewalks and the condition of sidewalks in general. City Ordinance does force the maintenance of sidewalks. Something that should be considered is either striking maintenance from the ordinance or enforcing.

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2. Chief Colombik had received a complaint that 15 minute parking zones around City Hall were being used longer than the allotted time.
3. Public Works – Southgate detention ponds were being emptied of debris. Need meeting with Public Safety Committee regarding removal of the old cabins and old boxcar formerly used for the ice skating warming house are becoming a liability. Scott Gray suggested requesting sealed bids for the cabins still standing. There has been interest expressed by members of the community regarding obtaining the old cabins because of some historical significance to the City, however; Range Riders Museum was not interested in obtaining them.
4. The elevator retrofit kit will be ordered by the elevator repair company, but there will be a delay of 1 to 2 weeks while waiting for the kit to arrive.
5. The Oasis docks are in need of some repair on the treks. Zane Solomon will be contacted regarding remove and replace the treks using galvanized hardware.
6. Fire Department has been receiving on an average 4 alarms per day.
7. A grant is submitted on the 15th for replacement of some fire equipment. Working on a grant to partner with the county volunteer ambulance service to purchase an ambulance.
8. Asked members of the Council to consider sitting on the judging committee to elect a slogan for the TIF District. Reminded the council that this is only a slogan for the downtown business district.
9. Matching grants of \$2,000 are being giving for the renovation of facades on Main Street Buildings.
10. Library new lights on 2nd floor.
11. Fire Hydrant replaced behind Super 8.
12. MDOT – 7th Street project upcoming next 5 to 7 years looking to piggy back some City projects on the project.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

BID OPENINGS

None

BID AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 1301: (First Reading) An Ordinance Enacting Section 2-233 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miles City Requiring that Certain Contributions be Made to the General Fund Capital Improvement Fund From General Fund Cash Carryover**

***Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Andrews and on roll call passed 8-0.*

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 1302: (First Reading) An Ordinance Amending Section 2-106(7) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miles**

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City, Montana, With Regards to the Mayor's Veto of Resolutions and Ordinances

***Councilperson Gardner moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Uden.*

Upon discussion the Ordinance will be amended. The Mayor shall have in writing 48 hours prior to the next council meeting in writing reasoning for the veto.

***Councilperson Galbraith moved to amend the motion as discussed, seconded by Councilperson Uden and on roll call passed by 5-3.*

***Councilperson Gardner's original motion on roll call vote passed 8-0.*

C. RESOLUTION NO. 3879: A Resolution Adopting Findings of Fact and Approving the Amended Plat For the purpose of Boundary Line Relocation of Tracts C,D&E of the Lothseich Minor Subdivision Within the City of Miles City

City Attorney Dan Rice noted the resolution as stated on the agenda was incorrect and should read "Tracts C & D", however; the Resolution attached to the agenda was correct.

***Councilperson Erlenbush moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilperson Wilcox and on roll call passed 8-0.*

D. RESOLUTION NO. 3882: A Resolution Authorizing Certain Officers of the City of Miles City as Signatories Upon Bank Accounts of the City of Miles City at Stockman Bank

***Councilperson Uden moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Sloan and on roll call passed 8-0.*

E. RESOLUTION NO. 3883 : A Resolution Approving a Montana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Contract to Provide Funding for Preparation of an Active Transportation Plan

***Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilperson Gardner and on roll call passed 8-0.*

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.


John Hollowell, Mayor


Linda Wilkins, Deputy City Clerk