

## **Finance Committee Meeting June 5, 2014**

The **Finance Committee** met Thursday, June 5, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee members Sue Galbraith, Dwayne Andrews, John Hollowell and Sheena Martin.

Also present were Mayor C.A. Grenz, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Historic Preservation Officer Connie Muggli and Recorder/City Clerk Lorrie Pearce.

### **Request of Citizens**

None

### **Resolution No. 3686: A Resolution Adopting A Memorandum For The Determination Of Feasibility Of An Urban Renewal Plan With A Tax Increment Finance District Provision For The Downtown Core Of The City Of Miles City**

Steve Zeier from Zeier Consulting, LLC explained that the feasibility of a Tax Increment Finance District in Miles City relates directly to the likelihood that such a District would successfully address the slow economic decline of the area and encourage investment in the main business corridor. He highlighted some facts that would make the TIFD a success.

- There are significant issues with multiple properties in the downtown such as empty storefronts, infrastructure deficiencies, and lack of investment that could be addressed.
- There is an upswing in the regional economy due to energy development in the Bakken area, and as a result there is increased market interest in Miles City to locate businesses as evidenced in the development of the South Haynes corridor.
- The increased volume of interstate traffic to and from the Bakken area, also results in increased market interest in Miles City to locate businesses, as evidenced in the development of the South Haynes corridor.
- There is an increased demand for housing across all income levels in the region.
- The downtown area generates higher per square foot tax revenues than large paved areas in surrounding business districts.
- The City is located in Census Tract 30017962000, making it eligible for New Market Tax Credits.
- The business corridor is listed on the National Register of Historic Places making a high percentage of properties eligible for Historic Preservation Tax Credits.

\* \* *Committee Member Martin moved to recommend that the City Council approve Resolution No. 3686. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Andrews. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**Resolution No. 3687: A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Miles City To Enter Into A Main Street Program Grant Contract With The Montana Department Of Commerce**

Preservation Officer Muggli explained Resolution No. 3687 is a resolution to give approval to the Mayor to sign the contract.

- \* \* *Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend that the City Council approve Resolution No. 3687. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Martin; the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**Resolution No. 3688: A Resolution Approving The Receipt Of Grants In The Amount Of \$3,000 And \$2,750 From The Sandra Anderson Donor Advised Fund To Be Applied To The Miles City Tax Increment Finance District Project**

Preservation Officer Muggli explained that, by passing this resolution the City of Miles City is authorized to accept the grant money.

- \* \* *Committee Member Martin moved to recommend that the City Council approve Resolution No. 3688. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Andrews; the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**Resolution No. 3689: A Resolution Pursuant To §7-6-4006 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment Of Final Budget For Fy 2013-2014 For Unanticipated Grant Revenue To Historic Preservation Fund 2935 And Providing For Hearing Thereon**

Preservation Officer Muggli explained the resolution will authorize the City of Miles City to appropriate in the budget, money accepted through the grant that were discussed earlier.

- \* \* *Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend that the City Council approve Resolution No. 3689. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Martin; the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**Approval to purchase a used pickup for the Parks Department**

Public Works Director Gray said the used pickup is budgeted for \$ 15,000. He received three bids.

- Auto Advantage- A 2003 4X4 has a lift kit, glass pak and more mileage for an amount of \$12,642
- Jack's Body Shop- A 2009 4X4 for an amount of \$18,900
- Mac's Frontier- A 2005 4X4 for an amount of \$ 12,500

Director Gray recommended purchasing the pickup from Mac's Frontier.

- \* \* *Committee Member Andrews moved to approve purchasing the used pickup from Mac's Frontier for an amount of \$ 12,500. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Martin and, after a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

#### **Approval to purchase a culvert pipe for Maintenance District # 205**

Public Works Director Gray explained that the culvert pipe will be used at the slough on Woodbury Street because the ends are crushed on the existing culvert and needs replaced to improve drainage. Maintenance District # 205 had \$50,000 budgeted for this item. He received three bids, and they were on the same pipe. He recommended accepting Agri Industries because it was the lowest.

- \* \* *Committee Member Andrews moved to approve purchasing culvert pipe from Agri Industries for an amount of \$ 17,889.10. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Martin and, after a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

#### **Approval to purchase a new dump box for tandem axle truck**

Public Works Director Gray explained that he had \$25,000 in the budget to purchase a new dump box. The old dump box needs replaced because the floor is rotting beyond repair. Two quotes were received:

- Custom Equipment- The box is a Henderson box which, through his experience, is a better box and it's fully painted. The price quoted was \$23,135.
- Kois Brothers- The box is not quite as good as the Henderson box and would need to be painted. The price quoted was \$ 20,299.

Director Gray recommended purchasing the Henderson box from Custom Equipment.

- \* \* *Committee Member Andrews moved to approve purchasing a new dump box from Custom Equipment for an amount of \$ 23,135. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Martin and, after a brief discussion, the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

#### **Review and Discussion of over expended accounts**


City Clerk Pearce explained there are five funds that will need resolutions to approve appropriations. She said her goal was to get them on the June 10, 2014, Council meeting agenda.

- Airport- Fund 5610
- Lighting District 165- Fund 2400
- Lighting District 167- Fund 2420
- Building Code Inspector- Fund 2394
- Police Department/2 vehicles- Fund 1000-05

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, *Committee Member Andrews* moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by *Chairperson Martin*. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Chairperson Susanne Galbraith

  
City Clerk Lorrie Pearce