

Finance Committee Meeting June 18, 2014

The **Finance Committee** met Wednesday June 18, 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 Public Works Director Scott Gray, City Attorney Dan Rice and Recorder/City Clerk Lorrie Pearce.

Request of Citizens

None

RESOLUTION No. 3691: A Resolution Pursuant To §7-6-4006 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment Of Final Budget For FY 2013-2014 To Appropriate Unanticipated Revenues To Building Inspector Fund No. 2394 For Contracted Professional Services

City Clerk Pearce explained that the resolution would increase the spending and the revenue for the building inspector's fund. The increase is needed because the cost for the inspection of the jail was higher than originally appropriated.

* * *Committee Member Hollowell moved to recommend that the City Council approve Resolution No. 3691. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Andrews; the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION No. 3692: A Resolution Pursuant To §7-6-4006 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment Of Final Budget For FY 2013-2014 To Appropriate Unanticipated Revenues To Airport Fund 5610 For Federal Aeronautics Grant Fund

City Clerk Pearce explained that the resolution would increase the spending appropriation and the revenue for the airport fund. The increase is needed because the fund received an unexpected grant, which was associated with the increase in spending.

* * *Committee Member Hollowell moved to recommend that the City Council approve Resolution No 3692. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Martin; after a short discussion, the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION No. 3693: A Resolution Pursuant To §7-6-4006 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment Of Final Budget For FY 2013-2014 To Appropriate Unappropriated Cash Balances From The Capital Improvement Fund No. 4000 For The Purchase Of Two Police Vehicles

Councilperson Andrews said he was not going to support the resolution; he thought there was a better way to pay for the vehicles.

Councilperson Hollowell said that the Police Department has two vehicles that are not operable anymore, and thought the Police Department needed the vehicles.

- * * *Committee Member Hollowell moved to recommend that the City Council approve Resolution No. 3693. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Martin; on roll call vote, the motion passed 3-1, with Councilperson Andrews voting no.*

RESOLUTION No. 3694: A Resolution Pursuant To §7-6-4006 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment Of Final Budget For FY 2013-2014 To Appropriate Unanticipated Expenses To Lighting District NO.165 Fund 2400 For Electrical Utilities

City Clerk Pearce explained that Lighting District No. 165 and 167 seem to always need adjustment at the end of the year. The resolution would increase the spending in the electric account. She also said there should be enough money in the Special assessment account at the end of the year to pay for the overexpendure.

- * * *Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend that the City Council approve Resolution No. 3694. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Hollowell; after a short discussion, motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION NO. 3695: A Resolution Pursuant To §7-6-4006 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment Of Final Budget For FY 2013-2014 To Appropriate Unanticipated Expenses To Lighting District NO.167 Fund 2420 For Electrical Utilities

- * * *Committee Member Martin moved to recommend that the City Council approve Resolution No. 3695. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Andrews; the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION No. 3696: A Resolution Adopting A Special Prosecution Policy For The City of Miles City, Montana

City Attorney Rice explained that Shawn Quinlan will not be working for the prosecution after June 30, 2014. This policy would give the City Attorney authority to screen other attorneys and, with the Mayor's approval, a list of the combined pool would be available for the City Prosecutor to call when needed. They would be contracted and not paid through City's payroll. He explained that the list would be used in the busier half of the year. He also explained that there is a limit as to how many cases a prosecutor can have in a year, and City Prosecutor Jeff Noble is at his maximum of 300. The process would save the City about \$1200 a month.

- * * *Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend that the City Council approve Resolution No. 3696. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Galbraith; after a long discussion, and on roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

RESOLUTION NO .3697: A Resolution Pursuant To §7-6-4006 Of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment Of Final Budget For FY 2013-2014 For State Of Montana Payments On Behalf Of Retirement Accounts And Providing For Hearing Thereon

City Clerk Pearce said this resolution is accepting money from the State and transferring it to the Mayor, Police, and Fireman's retirement accounts.

* * *Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend that the City Council approves Resolution No. 3697. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Galbraith; the motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

ORDINANCE NO. 1272: An Ordinance Enacting Section 17-114 Of The City Code Of The City of Miles City, Montana, So As To Require Liability Insurance In Specified Amounts Prior To Issuance Of A Park Use Permit

* * *Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend that the City Council approved Ordinance 1272. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Martin.*

City Attorney Rice explained that Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA) suggested the City adopts an Ordinance that specifies an amount of insurance coverage for special events.

Committee Member Hollowell asked where the street dance and alcohol would be included.

* * *Committee Member Hollowell moved to amend number three to read "Any use of City property, regardless of exclusivity, which includes, but not limited to any of the following activities. After a short discussion, Committee Member Hollowell withdrew his motion.*

* * *Committee Member Hollowell moved to amend his motion to include to number three **k: consumption of alcohol**. The motion was second by Chairperson Galbraith.*

After a long discussion, it was decided the Ordinance should be table until the Ordinance is revised to clarify policy on alcohol and street dances.

* * *Committee Member Hollowell moved to table Ordinance No. 1272 until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Andrews; and on roll call vote, the motion carried passed, 4-0.*

Review Bid of Arrowhead Drive District # 204: Paving, New Curb and Gutter

Public Work Director Gray said that the City received one bid for the Arrowhead Drive project and he thought it was very high. The one bid received from Century Construction for an amount of \$256,937. There were four line item bids that stood out to him:

- Curb and gutter- The quote of \$27.50 per linear foot was a little high
- Dirt work- The quote of \$62,000 was high because they are charging for equipment usage
- Paving- The quote of \$66,000 was high, though it should be closer to \$60,000.
- Pit run- The quote of \$50 per ton was very high. He said that you can buy pit run locally at about \$ 11.25 a ton.

Director Gray said Century Construction is charging 17.5% for a mobilization fee, which is usually 10%. He thought that since Century was going to be in Miles City completing other projects, the quote was too high.

Eric Doedon, M&L Enterprise, thought it was in the City's best interest to reject the bid.

Becky Stanton, Arrowhead Drive resident, expressed concerns that if the project was re-bid, the work may not be completed until next year, and the price would increase anyway. She personally would hesitate to reject the bid, and felt the project should be completed this year.

Eric Doedon asked that if the project was re-bid, could it be concrete instead of asphalt.

Resident Becky Stanton thought if it was re-bid, it should include both.

* * *Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend that the City Council reject the bid received from Century Construction. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Galbraith. After a long discussion and on roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Adjournment

There being no further business, *Committee Member Hollowell moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairperson Galbraith.* The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Chairperson Susanne Galbraith


City Clerk Lorrie Pearce