

Finance Committee Meeting

February 4, 2016

The Finance Committee met Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Committee Chairperson Susanne Galbraith and Committee Members Rachel Sloan and Dwayne Andrews. Committee Member Kathy Wilcox was excused.

Also present were Public Utilities Director Allen Kelm, Grant Writer/Planner Dawn Colton and Committee Recorder/City Clerk Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens:

None

2. Review and Recommendation on Resolution No. 3870: A Resolution Releasing Requirements of Certain Lease Agreements Pertaining to City of Miles City Property Leased by Jerry Singleton and Allowing Truck Washing Operations

Chairperson stated the Resolution should be No. 3885 instead of No. 3870. Discussion of the Resolution was put on hold to see if Mr. Boughton would show for the meeting.

After referring back to the Resolution Mr. Boughton was not at the meeting. Director Kelm explained to the Committee that he felt the lessee had fixed all the problems that were presented, and that Chairperson Galbraith and he had tried to contact Mr. Boughton several times with no results. Chairperson Galbraith asked that a register letter be sent to Mr. Boughton and the Resolution put on the February 23, 2016 agenda.

Mr. Boughton showed at the meeting around 6:25.

Chairperson Galbraith asked Mr. Boughton if he was satisfied with all that Mr. Singleton had done.

Mr. Boughton said that he did not have a chance to go see the progress or talk to Mr. Singleton. He felt the problem is the liability of the City, and if nothing is done the City could be sued. He said he had been battling this problem for ten years and this is the first time anyone had followed through. He said he knows that there has been some fixes, but it doesn't make up for the damage that has been done.

Chairperson Galbraith asked Mr. Boughton what types of damage has been done. Mr. Boughton said he has had to wade through the slop every year and carry water to the horse because the horses couldn't cross the water and ice.

Mr. Boughton thanked the Committee for looking into the situation, and felt that the improvements would help the problem, but he said that he wouldn't sign anything saying

that he was satisfied with everything, because the first day a spoonful of slop comes on his land, he will then have a problem again.

Director Kelm asked Mr. Boughton to contact him if he notices any other problems, and he added that he is asking Mr. Singleton to add four feet to the berm on the north end and slope it. The City will also ask for a plan on maintenance and dewatering at the site.

*** Chairperson Galbraith moved to recommend to Council the approval of Resolution 3885, seconded by Committee Member Sloan. On roll call vote the motion passed 3-0*

*** Chairperson Galbraith moved to amend her first motion; in the minutes to strike out sending a registered letter to Mr. Boughton and stipulation to be added as part of the lease signed by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Committee Member Sloan. The motion passed 3-0*

*** The original motion passed 3-0*

3. Review and Recommendation on Resolution No. 3883: A Resolution Approving A Montana Department of Commerce Community Development Envelopment Block Grant Contract to Provide Funding for Preparation of an Active Transportation Plan

*** Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend to Council the approval of Resolution No. 3883, seconded by Committee Member Sloan.*

Planner Colton explained the Transportation Plan's cost is \$150,000. Montana Department of Transportation will pay 80% of that cost, and the grant from CDBG is for \$ 12,000, which will cover the City's cost.

*** The motion passed 3-0*

4. Review and Recommendation on Resolution No. 3884: A Resolution Pursuant to §7-6-4006 of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment of Final Budget for FY 2015-2016 to Increase the Budgeted Amount in Fund # 1000-201-431200-350 For Professional Services Related to The Miles City Flood Control Project.

*** Chairperson Galbraith moved to recommend to Council the approval of the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Andrews.*

Malenovsky said the County did not receive the CDBG grant for \$30,000, so it will need to spend more in the budget than what was anticipated.

***The motion passed 3-0*

5. Review and Recommendation on Ordinance No. 1302: An Ordinance Amending Section 2-106(7) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miles City, Montana, with Regards to the Mayor's Veto of Resolutions and Ordinances.

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*** Committee Member Sloan moved to recommend to Council the approval for the Ordinance and seconded by Chairperson Galbraith. The motion passed 3-0*

6. Review and Recommendation on Ordinance No. 1303: An Ordinance Amending Section 2-59) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miles City, Montana, To Include the Preparation of Council Meeting Agendas as a Power and Responsibility of the City Council President.

There was no motion on Ordinance No. 1303.

7. Approval of Purchasing a 1995 and 1997 used single axle combination truck-plow-sanders unit for \$48,900 out of the Public Works Capital Improvement Fund, instead of a the skidster and plainer

*** Committee Member Andrews moved to approve the purchase of two truck plow-sanders for an amount of \$48,900. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Galbraith*

Director Gray explained he had been looking at projects for this spring and found that there was no need to prepare the streets this year for chip sealing. When he prepared the budget he wanted to replace the milling machine for \$50,000, but since there is no need for the machine this budget year, he would like to hold off on buying one, and in its place purchase two single axle combination truck-plow-sanders units that the City of Billings is selling. He felt the price of \$48,000 for the two units was a great price and that a mechanic had stopped in to inspect the units, and thought they were in great shape. Both units had approximately 100,000 miles and twenty years old. Director Gray asked the Committee to approve the purchase of the two snowplows instead of the purchase for the skidster and plainer.

*** The motion passed 3-0*

8. Schedule for claims inspection


The following was decided:

- Dwayne Andrews- January, February, March
- Rachel Sloan- April, May, June
- July, August, September- To be Announced
- October, November, December- To be Announced

9. Adjournment

*** Committee Member Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Sloan and passed unanimously, 3-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.


Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson


Lorrie Pearce Recorder/City Clerk