

Finance Committee Meeting

January 19, 2017

The Finance Committee met Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Conference room. Present were Committee Chairperson Susanne Galbraith and Committee Members Rick Huber, Kathy Wilcox and Dwayne Andrews.

Also present, City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens:

None

2. Elect Chairperson

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to nominate Susanne Galbraith as Chairperson, seconded by Committee Member Huber and passed 4-0*

3. ORDINANCE NO. 1308: An Ordinance Amending Ordinances 1073,1262,1277 and 1295, Revising “Administration Rules of the City of Miles City Water and Sewer Services, Accounts, Delinquencies and Termination”

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to Council to approve Ordinance No. 1308, seconded by Committee Member Andrews*

Chairperson Galbraith explained that all changes were administrative, and did not affect charges to the customer.

*** The motion passed 4-0*

4. Discussion and Recommendation on Local Option Tax


- Committee liked the idea to avoid an additional tax burden to property owners
- Would possibly provide a 5% discount to property owners
- When traveling to other Montana cities additional taxes are paid without thinking about it
- In the near future, the City will need help paying for the flood project, and thought the local option tax could be an option to help with the expense
- There is a possibility of 1.4 million dollars a year income for the City
- It is an option and thought the City should look at it. If presented right with the help of media, it could be a great benefit to the City

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to Council to write of letter of support for the local option tax, seconded by Committee Member Andrews. On roll call vote, it passed 4-0*

5. Adjournment

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Andrews and passed unanimously, 4-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Susanne Galbraith, Chairperson


Lorrie Pearce Recorder/City Clerk