Public Safety Committee Meeting October 16, 2013

The Public Safety Committee met Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Conference Room. Present were Chairperson Dwayne Andrews and Committee Members Sue Galbraith, John Hollowell and Jerry Partridge. Also present were Mayor C.A. Grenz, Public Works Director Scott Gray and Committee Recorder/Deputy City Clerk Connie Watts.

Chairperson Andrews brought the meeting to order.

Bender Park: No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed

Police Chief Doug Colombik had spoken to Chairperson Andrews about this issue. It has become common, especially during men and women's spring and summer softball games, to drink beer in Bender Park. No alcohol is allowed in City parks except by a permit signed by the Mayor. He would like to handle this, initially, by erecting signs at the entrances to the Park reminding citizens of the "no alcohol" rule. He acknowledged that, if the signs don't work, his department will have to use stronger methods.

** Committee Member Partridge moved to recommend to Council to allow Director Gray to erect "No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed" signs at the entrances to Bender Park. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Galbraith and, on roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Ordinance Amending Section 22-144 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Miles City: 15 mph speed limits on portions of arterial streets

Director Gray explained that 15 mph speed limits are illegal in an Urban Zone, except on a designated arterial street. If it is specified as a school zone, there must be signs and flashing lights. Attorney Dan Rice recommended removing the "school" portion of the signs in these areas and changing the Code of Ordinances to designate all of the arterial routes in the school zones by name.

Committee Member Partridge asked if this could apply to the street coming off the dike. It would not, as it is not an arterial street.

** Committee Member Galbraith moved to recommend to Council to amend Section 22-144 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Miles City regarding 15 miles-per-hour speed limits on portions of arterial streets. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Hollowell and, on roll call vote, passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

** Having no more business to come before the Committee, Committee Member Partridge moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith and passed unanimously, 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Public Safety Committee Chairperson:

Connie L. Watts, Recorder

Chairperson Dwayne Andrews