

## **Public Services Committee Meeting January 30, 2015**

The Public Services Committee met Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 12:00 pm in the City Hall conference room. Present were Committee Members Jerry Partridge, Dwayne Andrews, John Hollowell and Susanne Galbraith. Also present was Planner-in-Training/Grants Administrator Dawn Colton and Committee Recorder/HR/Payroll Officer Billie Burkhalter.

Committee Member Partridge called the meeting to order.

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:**

*\*\* Committee Member Andrews moved to nominate Committee Member Jerry Partridge for Chairperson of the Public Services Committee. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Galbraith.*

After hearing no further nominations:

*\*\* Motion then passed unanimously.*

### **2. MILES CITY LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2015:**

Administrator Colton explained the purpose of the Transportation Plan is to have transportation engineers look over the entire town to identify Mile City's problems and offer solutions. The Department of Transportation's (DOT) role in the plan is to help pay for the study and identify potential funding mechanisms. Administrator Colton would also be looking for funding along with applying for the grants. DOT will be contributing \$120,000 to the Transportation Plan, and the City will be paying \$30,000.

Administrator Colton stated that right now this is a broad scope plan but, once a consultant is hired, the scope will be narrowed. The plan will be extensively reviewing the City's truck route and issues with Southgate. As the City continues to build south, it will identify potential routes and roads with connectivity to existing development. It will also pinpoint where new development should be located.

Administrator Colton explained that she wants to make sure they are addressing everything in the Transportation Plan that the Committee feels needs to be looked at.

Committee Member Galbraith questioned why the section in the Transportation Plan that reads "Inventory improvements necessary for safety and ADA requirements. Improvements may include curb, sidewalks, street crossings and parking" was crossed out of the plan. Administrator Colton stated that there is a plan for the Ameri-Corp team to come back to Miles City and inventory the town, looking at lots, streets, sidewalks, gutters and ADA access.

Committee Member Galbraith stated that she was concerned with this section being taken out of the Transportation Plan, as it would aid in grant funding to address ADA access. Administrator Colton stated she would need to speak with Director Gray, as he has been working with an ADA plan and felt this would be a duplication of that study. Committee Member Galbraith stated that, regardless of this, she would prefer this be kept in the Transportation Plan.

Committee Member Hollowell questioned if keeping the ADA in the Transportation Plan would generate more funding than the \$150,000. Administrator Colton stated no, but once the Transportation Plan is completed and they start applying for funding, ADA being included in this would support the application. She further stated that it is in the broad scope of Objective 2.2, basically addressing mobility and access ability.

Committee Member Galbraith requested that the Transportation Plan address areas around schools, parks and hospitals.

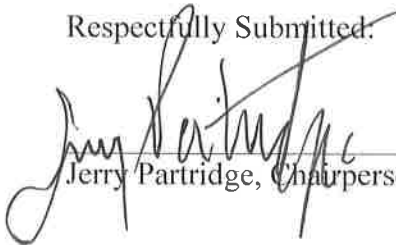
### 3. REQUEST OF CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

-None.

### ADJOURNMENT

\*\* Having no further business, *Committee Member Andrews moved to adjourn, seconded by Committee Member Hollowell and passed unanimously, 4-0.* The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Jerry Partridge, Chairperson

  
Billie D. Burkhalter, Recorder