

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 3, 2018

The Public Service Committee met Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 5:40 pm in the City Hall Conference Room, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana.

Present were Committee Members: Dwayne Andrews, Ken Gardner, Kathy Wilcox and Chairperson John Uden. Also present were Public Works Director Scott Gray, City Clerk Lorrie Pearce and Minute Recorder Ally Capps.

Committee Chair Uden called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

1. **Request of Citizens/Public Comment**
-None-
2. **Committee Member Comments**
-None-
3. **Unfinished Business**
-None-
4. **Review and Revise Wording for Bouncy House Type of Play Equipment Used on City Property.**

Committee Member Uden commented City Attorney Dan Rice has updated Section 17-114, on required liability insurance for vendors in Ordinance 1325. Public Works Director Gray stated the City's insurance company, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority, will no longer cover bounce houses or similar play structures. Revising the wording and adding bounce house type of play equipment to the Ordinance will state, that vendors need to hold an annual policy with liability being set at \$750K per claim and \$1.5 million per occurrence.

*** Committee Member Andrews recommended approving the revised wording to Resolution No. 1325, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox. On a roll-call vote, the Motion passed 4-0.*

5. **Discuss and Recommend Mid-Rivers Contract.**

City Clerk Pearce explained the contract is a ten-year contract and is expiring in August. City Clerk Pearce and City Attorney Rice had discussed the approaching renewal and if Mid-Rivers offered the best choice for the residences of Miles City.

Committee Member Andrews stated he liked supporting a local Montana company. Committee Member Uden added he felt Mid-Rivers has been very good to the community. Mid-Rivers pays a quarterly dividend to the City roughly totalling \$100K a year, which goes into general fund.

*** Committee Member Gardner recommended keeping Mid-Rivers and renewing the upcoming contract, seconded by Committee Chair Wilcox. On a roll-call vote, the Motion passed 4-0.*

6. Discuss and Recommend Bed Tax Fee Increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

City Clerk Pearce explained she had spoken to John Laney, from Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce. The Tourism Business Improvement District Board is making a request that the Bed Tax increase from the current \$1.00 fee to \$2.00. If the Bed Tax does pass, there will be an expense of sending out public hearing notices to the hotels and motels. Committee Member Andrews asked if the Chamber would be willing to share in the cost of sending out hearing notices.

*** Committee Member Andrews made a recommendation to increase the Bed Tax from \$1.00 to \$2.00, seconded by Committee Chair Gardner. On a roll-call vote, the Motion passed 4-0.*

7. Adjournment

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to adjourn, seconded by Committee Member Uden, motion passed unanimously.*



John Uden, Committee Chair



Ally Capps, Recorder