

PROCEEDING OF CITY COUNCIL
MILES CITY, MONTANA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING August 14, 2018
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, August 14, 2018, in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana. Mayor John Hollowell called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Brant Kassner, Dwayne Andrews, Ken Gardner, John Uden, Rick Huber, Jeff Erlenbusch, Kathy Wilcox and Susanne Galbraith.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Fire Chief Brandon Stevens, Historical Preservation Officer and Urban Resource Director Louise de Montigny, City Clerk Lorrrie Pearce and recorder Ally Capps.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hollowell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

City Council Minutes: 7/24/2018

**** Councilperson Uden moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 24, 2018, subject to any corrections, and seconded by Councilperson Gardner. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.**

Human Resource Minutes: 7/17/2018

**Human Resources Committee
July 17, 2018**

The **Human Resources Committee** met Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall. Present were Committee Members Kathy Wilcox, Susanne Galbraith, and Jeff Erlenbusch Excused was John Uden. Also present were Public Works Director Scott Gray, City Clerk Lorrrie Pearce, Accounting/Payroll Clerk Ally Capps, 283A Union President Brady Stone, 283A Union Secretary Jase Kinsey, Legal Administrative Assistant Debbie Cox, Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, Mayor John Hollowell and Deputy City Clerk/HR Officer /Committee Recorder Linda Wilkins.

Committee Chairperson Kathy Wilcox called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens
None
2. Committee Member Comments
Committee Member Erlenbusch asked if the legal assistant was a Union position. It was clarified that this is a Union position.
3. Review and Recommendation: Grievance Debbie Cox Legal Administrative Assistant base wage
Mayor Hollowell commented that this is the next step in the grievance process and that the grievance is a matter of fair and equal pay. He also stated that it is not within the authority of the Mayor to grant an increase to wages. His recommendation was that the increase in the base wage be granted. If you were to look at the position descriptions of the deputy city court clerk and the legal administrative assistant there is very little difference.

****Chairperson Wilcox moved to increase to Mrs. Cox's base pay to \$17.10/base and that we verify on the union salary survey that the base is correct and if need be this rate will be adjusted as needed, seconded by Committee Member Erlenbusch. On roll call vote the motion passed 2-1.**

4. Review and Recommendation: Public Utilities Foreman Position Description
Director Speelmon explained that due to the increased complexity of operations at both the water and wastewater treatment plants some of the employees have taken on additional duties. The supervisor can use the assistance of a foreman at both plants in fulfilling the day to day obligations and allows him to focus on the regulatory obligations of both plants. These positions will ensure the continued efficiency of both plants. The position descriptions do not create a new position, the position is already outlined in the current 283A collective bargaining agreement.

****Committee Member Galbraith moved to approve the Public Utilities Foreman Position Descriptions, seconded by Committee Member Erlenbusch. On roll call vote the motion passed 3-0.**

5. Review and Recommendation: Wage Increase requests for FY 2018-2019

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The salary survey tool was reworked to compare current Miles City bases with the average base wages of the survey. A percentage was calculated comparing the survey average to the Miles City base providing either a percentage indicating the Miles City base was either over or under the survey base.

After reviewing the Mayor's recommendation, the salary survey tool was used to make a comparison of the Public Works Director's wage and the current salary survey average which indicates the current Miles City wage is 5% above the salary survey average.

***Committee Member Galbraith moved to keep the Public Works Director's wage at the current rate, seconded by Chairperson Wilcox. On roll call vote the motion passed 3-0.*

After reviewing the Mayor's recommendation, the salary survey tool was used to make a comparison of the Accounting/Payroll Clerk's wage and the current salary survey average which indicate that the current Miles City wage is 19% above the salary survey average.

***Committee Member Galbraith moved to keep the Accounting/Payroll Clerk's wage at the current rate, seconded by Committee Member Erlenbusch. On roll call vote the motion passed 3-0.*

After reviewing the Mayor's recommendation, the salary survey tool was used to make a comparison of the Deputy City Clerk/Human Resource Officer's wage and the current salary survey average which indicates that the current Miles City wage is 11% below the salary survey average.

***Committee Member Erlenbusch moved to increase the Deputy City Clerk/Human Resource Officer's current wage by 4%, seconded by Chairperson Wilcox*

After discussing the amount of the increase it was decided to divide the percentage in half as a basis for the wage increase.

Committee Member Erlenbusch amended his motion to 5.5% of the current wage, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith. On roll call vote the amended motion passed 3-0.

After reviewing the Mayor's recommendation, the salary survey tool was used to make a comparison of the City Clerk's wage and the current salary survey average which indicates that the current Miles City wage is 16% below the salary survey average. The percentage was divided in half as a basis for the wage increase.

***Committee Member Galbraith moved to increase the City Clerk's current wage by 8% based on the current salary survey indicating that the current wage is 16% below the average, seconded by Committee Member Erlenbusch. On roll call vote the motion passed 3-0.*

6. Discussion of Wage Scale

There was a brief discussion on developing a step procedure for increasing wages. It was agreed that this would be a good way to apply future wage increases.

***Committee Member Erlenbusch moved to table the discussion, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

7. Next Meeting: to be determined

The next HR meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

***Committee Member Erlenbusch moved to adjourn, seconded by Committee Member Galbraith. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

*** Councilperson Wilcox moved to approve the minutes of the Human Resource Meeting July 17, 2018, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Erlenbusch. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

Finance Committee Minutes: 7/19/2018

Finance Committee Meeting

July 19, 2018

The Finance Committee met Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference room. Present were Committee Chairperson Susanne Galbraith and Committee Members Rick Huber, Dwayne Andrews and Kathy Wilcox.

Also present were: Public Utility Director Tom Speelmon, Fire Chief Branden Stevens and City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens:

2. Doug Phair presentation of Airport Subdivision Project- Not present for presentation

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3. Review and Recommendation on Resolution No. 4170- A Resolution Pursuant to §7-6-4006 of the Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment of Final Budget for FY 2017-2018 to Increase the Budgeted Amount in Fund # 2270-037-440140-350
*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to Council to approve the resolution, and seconded by Committee Member Huber. The motion passed 4-0*

4. Review and Recommendation on Resolution No. 4173- A Resolution Approving a Change Order to the Agreement With Ovivo, USA, For the purchase of Digester Covers at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant

*** Committee Member Andrews moved to recommend to Council to approve the resolution, and seconded by Committee Member Wilcox.*

Director Speelmon explained that the change order would be the quickest and most economical way to purchase the digester. If the covers went out for bid then it would not be completed until next summer and he felt it needed to be completed before this winter. He added there are no markup costs to the covers and the sewer fund would have to pay for the labor to install it.

*** The motion passed 4-0*

5. Review and Recommendation on Resolution 4174- A Resolution Pursuant to §7-6-4006 of the Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment of Final Budget for FY 2017-2018 for State of Montana Payments on Behalf of Retirement Accounts and Providing for Hearing Thereon

*** Committee Member Huber moved to recommend to Council to approve the resolution, and seconded by Committee Member Wilcox. The motion passed 4-0*

6. Review and Recommendation on Revised Task Order from KLJ for Darling Addition Project

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to Council to approve the revised task order, and seconded by Committee Member Huber.*

Director Speelmon explained that there is an additional cost of \$186,000 to the engineering consultants.

*** The motion passed 4-0*

7. Review and Recommendation on Wage Increase Request for FY 2018-2019

Chairperson Galbraith explained that the increase was recommended by the Human Resource Committee. There were four requests: Public Works Director, Accounting Payroll Clerk, City Clerk and Deputy Clerk/HR Officer. The Public Works Director and Accounting Payroll Clerks salary were above the 17/18 base wage survey, so no increase was recommended. The City Clerks base wage was 16 percent lower than the survey, and the Deputy Clerks base wage was 11 percent lower. A 8 percent increase was recommended to the City Clerk position and a 5.5 percent increase to the Deputy Clerk/HR Officer. She added that a 8.81 percent wage was approved by Council for the Flood Plain Administrator, so the two recommended increases are in line with that.

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to Council to approve the wage increase request for the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk/HR Officer, and seconded by Committee Member Andrews. The motion passed 4-0*

8. Adjournment

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Huber and passed unanimously, 4-0.*
The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

*** Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee minutes July 19, 2018, and seconded by Councilperson Gardner. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

The following meetings will be held in the City Hall Conference Room:

- Special Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 22nd @ 6:00 p.m.
- Finance Meeting: Thursday, August 23rd @ 6:00pm

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Alice Jerrell 809 N. Lake, on N. Cottage there is a vacant lot, the weeds are four feet tall, and trees are growing up. The neighbor had been mowing the yard had been asked to stop mowing by someone in the City, and that the owner would be contacted.

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She recently heard the owner lives in Germany. On 604 N Cottage, notes were put on the car; either mow or I will call the City. So far, that person has mowed twice. All those weed seed blows in her yard and the neighbor's yard. Lots of goat heads and creeping jenny are spreading. Maybe you could hire some young boys from the High School to mow and then bill the owners that cannot take of their yards.

Gloria Grenz 506 Mississippi, expressed her concern over the weed issue around town. That people do not know the ordinances or codes for keeping their yards cleaned up and mowed. She wanted to ask the Council if she could remove a tree out front of the 600 Café on Main Street. The tree has grown and is blocking the sign and effecting parking in front of the café. The roots are starting to make the sidewalk uneven. It is hard to get walkers down the sidewalk and hard for snow removal. Director Gray mentioned the Main Street Beautification project was how the trees started downtown. He did not mind removing the old tree but would like to plant another tree after the Bucking Horse Sale in May 2019. Semi-trucks park by the dentist office and leave their trucks all day. Could the City add signage to discourage truck parking in the City on Main Street and by Riverside Park for only two-hour parking? The old railroad depot, it used to be a good idea. I think we should look for way to bring people into Miles City to have things for the kid to do. Instead of spending, time and money on a building that is clearly falling apart.

APPOINTMENTS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Director Gray – The Oasis will be closing on August 21, 2018 and the Froggy Pool the day after Labor Day. Park Foreman Stone is looking into signage from ABC Glass for the Maurice Hilleman Sports Complex.

Chief Colombik- There has been 100 felony charges so far this year. The raffle drawing for the pistols will be on August 28, during the Council Meeting. The public has donated approximately \$30,000.00 for the police drug dog. The money for the canine has been mailed for training.

City Clerk Pearce – There is a Leadership Program starting September 27, if anybody was interested to stop by her office.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Andrews-Had comments from his Ward on the slough and the smell that it was emitting. He did not think the culvert was plugged, but had gone to check. Director Gray commented with the late snowmelt and the rain the slough had not had a chance to dry. The hot weather we have been having is helping and that should help decrease the smell.

Councilperson Andrews also expressed that this year's budget was a mess and one of the hardest to have to work on. This is the first year that the budget did not balance. Recommending a policy be put in place that Departments get a base budget and it will increase two percent annually. That way you are not starting the budget process with numbers that are not sustainable for the City.

Councilperson Andrews asked Mayor Hollowell if he had heard any updates on the Depot. Mayor Hollowell responded he had not heard back from Mr. Bell on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Depot, at that time Mr. Bell was on vacation.

Councilperson Uden- Added his thoughts on next year's budget and that wage increases not be looked into until after budget is finalized and approved.

Commenting to the public in attendance, that unless you are a mathematic wizard understanding the complexity involved reading the budget or the process, it would not make any sense. He asked Councilperson Galbraith, "Were does the budget sit right now as far as black or red?" Councilperson Galbraith responded that right now it is in the red. The City does have a cash carry over or a reserve, in case something comes up. The City will need around \$159K to carry the City over until next tax season.

Councilperson Huber- Wanted to mention he had a stopped by the Oasis and talked to Mathew Donnelly, one of the Life Guards on duty. Life Guard Donnelly was very

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polite and gave a tour of the grounds. Also, mentioning if you get a chance to go by Denton Field, look at the announcing booth, the new stairs are completed and look very professional and safe.

Councilperson Gardner-Had stopped by the Fire Station; Chief Stevens showed him around and explained some of the issues that need immediate addressing. He wanted to thank Chief Stevens for taking the time for the tour and sharing his thoughts and concerns on the Fire Department. Councilperson Gardner had also received calls on the slough regarding the large amount of mosquitoes in the area. Would there be a possibility of getting a City worker to go there and spray or add something to the water where they would not be able to hatch? Director Gray replied the County is in charge of spraying. Councilperson Gardner would be contacting a County Commissioners to see what could be organized to solve the mosquito problem.

MAYOR COMMENTS

The Mayor handed out two plaques; in recognition of professional conduct and work on behalf of the citizens of Miles City for the 2018 budget to: City Clerk Lorrie Pearce and Councilperson Galbraith. An anonymous donor had donated the plaques. He was glad to give recognition and appreciation for the hard work that went into this year's budget. Councilperson Galbraith added the Finance Committee on a whole should get recognition for their hard work and the hours that went into this year's budget.

NLC Service Line Warranty Program has collaborated with The National League of Cities and Towns along with Montana State League of Cities and Towns indorsing the NLC Service Line Warranty Program. They are asking for Council's consideration in promoting protection on water damage that may happen inside the house. Utilities Director Speelmon said the average monthly cost per household would be six to ten dollars. NLC Service Line Warranty Program sends out notification on city letterhead and then pays a royalty to the City. Mayor Hollowell asked Council if they would like to hear more about NLC Service Warranty Program or should their representative have a presentation to show Council, or recommend to Public Service for follow up. Council Person Galbraith thought sending a Public Service Announcement might be a better idea and less confusing for Citizens then mailing their notice out on city letterhead.

****** *Councilperson Erlenbusch moved to table the discussion until further information is available, seconded by Councilperson Gardner. On a roll call, vote the motion passed by majority vote, 7-1. One Councilperson opposed.*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

BID OPENINGS

Industrial Park for Lots 30, 31 & 32- There was one bid received for amount of, \$2129.00 by Mr. Kmetz.

****** *Councilperson Uden referred the bid to the Finance Committee, and seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

BID AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 4174- A Resolution Pursuant to §7-6-4006 of the Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment of Final Budget for FY 2017-2018 for State of Montana Payments on Behalf of Retirement Accounts and Providing for Hearing Thereon**

Mayor Hollowell called for comments from proponents three times, then opponents three times and, hearing none, the hearing was closed.

B. **Public Hearing on Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019**

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Mayor Hollowell called for Proponents three times then called for Opponents,

Citizen Gail Krezelak 3405 Stower, spoke against the budget cuts for three departments, City Court, the City Prosecutor's office and Police Department. City Court sent letters to the Mayor and Council members stating per Montana Statute, Council cannot cut our budget. Cutting hours for these three departments would have a huge detrimental effect on the City. Administration paper work needs processing in a timely manner and cutting hours will recreate problems that were an issue in the past. Cutting a police officer, Citizen Krezelak felt was leaving the department without adequate back up on shifts and this would be dangerous for Police Officers on duty.

Police Chief Colombik added he had an Officer go out to a call and it ended up being a very dangerous situation with a newly released felon from Texas State Prison and he tried to kill one of our Officer's.

Mayor Hollowell called for comments from proponents three times, then opponents three times and, hearing none, declared the hearing closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 4174- (Second Reading) A Resolution Pursuant to §7-6-4006 of the Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment of Final Budget for FY 2017-2018 to Increase the Budgeted Amount in Fund # 2270-037-440140-350**

** *Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only and seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. On roll call vote, the motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

CONSENT AGENDA

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 4176- (First Reading) A Resolution Pursuant to 2-9-212 of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing A Permissive Medical Levy for FY 2018-2019 to Fund Group Health Insurance Premium Contributions by The City and Providing For Hearing Thereon**

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 4177- (First Reading) A Resolution Levying and Assessing A Tax Upon All Property in Special Improvement Lighting District No. 165 to Defray the Cost of Leasing, Maintenance and Electrical Current in Said Special Improvement Lighting District and Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

C. **RESOLUTION NO. 4178 - (First Reading) A Resolution Levying and Assessing A Tax Upon All Property in Special Improvement Lighting District No. 167 to Defray the Cost of Leasing, Maintenance and Electrical Current in Said Special Improvement Lighting District and Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

D. **RESOLUTION NO. 4179-(First Reading) A Resolution Levying and Assessing A Tax Upon All Property in Special Improvement Lighting District No. 171 to Defray the Cost of Leasing, Maintenance and Electrical Current in Said Special Improvement Lighting District and Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

E. **RESOLUTION NO. 4180- (First Reading) A Resolution Levying and**

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Assessing A Tax Upon All Property in Special Improvement Lighting District No. 172 to Defray the Cost of Leasing, Maintenance and Electrical Current in Said Special Improvement Lighting District and Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019

F. RESOLUTION NO. 4181- (*First Reading*) A Resolution Levying and Assessing A Tax Upon All Property in Special Improvement Lighting District No. 195 to Defray the Cost of Leasing, Maintenance and Electrical Current in Said Special Improvement Lighting District and Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019

G. RESOLUTION NO. 4182- (*First Reading*) A Resolution Levying and Assessing A Tax Upon All Property in Special Improvement Lighting District No. 202 to Defray the Cost of Leasing, Maintenance and Electrical Current in Said Special Improvement Lighting District and Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019

H. RESOLUTION NO. 4183- (*First Reading*) A Resolution Levying and Assessing A Tax Upon All Property in Special Improvement Lighting District No. 173 to Defray the Cost of Leasing, Maintenance and Electrical Current in Said Special Improvement Lighting District and Authorizing And Directing Payment Therefore, For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019

I. RESOLUTION NO. 4184- (*First Reading*) A Resolution Levying and Assessing A Tax Upon All of the Property Within Maintenance District No. 204 To Defray The Cost of Maintaining The Improvements in The Said Maintenance District No. 204 for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019

J. RESOLUTION NO. 4185- (*First Reading*) A Resolution Levying and Assessing A Tax Upon All of the Property Within Maintenance District No. 205 To Defray The Cost of Maintaining The Improvements in The Said Maintenance District No. 205 for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019

K. RESOLUTION NO. 4186- (*First Reading*) A Resolution Levying and Assessing A Tax Upon All of the Property Within Maintenance District No. 207 To Defray The Cost of Maintaining The Improvements in The Said Maintenance District No. 207 for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019

***Councilperson Uden moved to approve items A- K of the Consent Agenda. After a short discussion, he removed his motion.*

***Councilperson Uden moved to approve items A-K under the consent agenda, seconded by Councilperson Wilcox.*

On roll call vote, the motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.

REGULAR NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 4190- A Resolution Authorizing the City of Miles City to Enter Into a Grant Agreement With the Federal Aviation Administration for Environmental Study and Snow Removal Equipment Acquisition

***Councilperson Galbraith moved to enter into the agreement, seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. On roll call vote, the motion passed, 8-0.*

B. Discussion on the Future of the Fire Department Building

Fire Chief Stevens received a letter from the Building Inspector allowing emergency access only in the older part of the station. This will allow the fire trucks to stay in the building. The ridge cap will still need replacing on

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the roof. Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority, is still willing to insure the vehicles in the building but will not be insuring the building itself. Equipment will have to be stored out of the old portion of the station and will lead to having to move the sleeping quarters into what are now the administrative offices. There has been an offer to donate administrative office space for up to three years. There are some parameters to the use of the building. A few requests are for the City to pay the property taxes and utilities fees. The emergency response time will be delayed until we can come up with a new response plan. The Training Center is due to break ground in September on the current planned location. Councilperson Andrews asked if there was a possibility of postponing the Training Center. Chief Stevens said he had looked into it but the company that makes them does not have room to store a pre made unit. If the Training Center is moved to Miles City and not set up there is only a one-year warranty whether it is fully functional or being stored. Councilperson Uden asked if the roof was repaired would the fire station then be deemed safe. Chief Stevens explained the fire station needs a roof, cross members, purlins and rafters. The floor joists need to be removed and the actual supports may need to be replaced as well, we will know once the sheetrock is removed. The floors are also a problem, the floors were not constructed to hold the weight and as they settle, the building is moving and losing structural soundness. If a remodel happens to the Fire Station it would require to bring everything up to code; updating the electrical, plumbing, adding a fire sprinkler system and the building would be required to have ADA accessibility. Chief Stevens recommended to Council that the Fire Station be used for emergency access only. Replace the ridge cap that insurance will pay for. Place the administrative offices offsite and the portion of the building that is administrative offices now be remodeled into bunkrooms for fire fighters. The fire station was built on gumbo and gravel. Engineers are looking to see if a new station can even be built in the same location. I think we should go to the public and ask for a mill levy. If they vote it down then we will see what we have to do. If they vote for it we have the support of the community. Then we can go to the architectural analyst report and engineers to give the City a true cost report. Councilperson Wilcox voiced her concern if Chief Stevens really believed the current plan would get the fire department through the winter. He replied we will let the community decide, it is their decision if they choose not to support a new station then we just go back to the drawing board. Chief Stevens replied we are looking at all our options and as a Community, I do believe this is something we can overcome together.

C. Discussion on City's business license policy

Councilperson Andrews shared his thoughts on the current Business License Policy for the City at this time there is not a fee to have a business license or a requirement. What is the advantage to have a business license in Miles City? In 2019 there have been 26 business licenses issued, 2017 there were 4, 2016 there were 13, 2015 there were 15. With hundreds of businesses in Miles City if the City does not charge for the license and there are administrative expense incurred to produce the license. Would Council consider in the future eliminating the process of a business license? Gloria Grenz 506 Mississippi, the City may lose control on the kinds of business in town if not kept monitored. Mayor Hollowell responded that lack of enforcement over the last forty years is part of the problem. The Council has looked into different cities and enforcement policies to see what Miles City can do effectively with the policy on Business Licenses. Ruth Kuchynka 618 N. 5th Street, as a business owner , having a business license for the State of Montana is a requirement, the fee is \$25.00 annually. Paying a \$10.00 fee for a city business license does not seem excessive. It would help put some money in the coffers and cover

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administration fees.

There was further discussion for and against the business license policy.

****** *Council person Wilcox made a motion to refer this policy to the Finance Committee for further review, seconded by Councilperson Galbraith. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

D. Approval on July Claims

****** *Councilperson Huber moved to approve the July claims and seconded by Councilperson Uden, On roll call vote, the motion **passed** by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

ADJOURNMENT

****** *Councilperson Uden moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Wilcox and passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


John Hollowell, Mayor


Ally Capps, Recorder