

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING September 11, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, September 11, 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, Rick Huber, Jeff Erlenbusch, Kathy Wilcox and Susanne Galbraith. Council Members Ken Gardner and John Uden were excused.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, HP/TIFD Officer Louise de Montigny, Deputy Clerk/Human Resource Officer Linda Wilkins and City Clerk/Minute Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hollowell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

City Council Minutes: 8/28/2018

****** *Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 28, 2018, and seconded by Councilperson Huber. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0.*

Finance Committee Minutes: 9/06/2018

**Finance Committee Meeting
September 6, 2018**

The Finance Committee met Thursday, September 6, 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: Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Library Director Sonja Woods, Children's Librarian/IT Hannah Nash, Historic Preservation Officer/Urban Renewal Agency Director Louise deMontigny, Deputy Clerk/Human Resource Officer Linda Wilkins, Union 283A Representative Jase Kinsey, Mayor Hollowell and City Clerk/Recorder Lorrie Pearce.

Committee Chairperson Galbraith called the meeting to order.

1. Request of Citizens:

Director Woods asked the finance committee to communicate with her next year on the COLA percent that the City will be giving the Library and she had contacted Stevenson Design on the roof of the Library and they are working on the design.

Chief Stevens reported that the police officers are moving ahead looking to purchase the Garberson Clinic. He said he was going to pursue getting a design from an architect at the current location of the fire department. Doug Askin is writing up a lease agreement to store the fire trucks in their building until the project is completed. He was pleased to announce that the fire department has been awarded approximately \$222,000 to help purchase self-contained breathing apparatus. There will be about \$11,000 that needs to be found for the matching of the grant, and said Julie Emmons is helping with that.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 4195- A Resolution Approving A Revised Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Miles City and the Local No. 283-A Union

****** *Committee Member Wilcox moved to recommend to Council to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Committee Member Huber.*

Items discussed were:

- Janus Decision- The union has agreed to leave the contract as is for the moment. When the Union has developed language to address the Janus decision, a memorandum of understanding will be added to the contract.
- Gym Membership- A new addition to the contract. The committee felt that the City pays the entire amount for the employees insurance without co-pay and the City is looking at all ways to save money. The additional cost to General Fund would be \$3,250. The committee felt the membership is excessive and would not recommend it to Council.

- Clothing Allowance- The contract is asking the City to pay the entire \$150 to the employees, which meant that payroll would have to complete a complicated spreadsheet adding more taxes to the employee and City. The committee did not agree with the proposal, but agreed to keep the \$150 in the contract.
- Steel Toes Boots- The revised price is \$150 to \$200 a year. After a discussion a straw poll was taken and it was a tie. No recommendation to Council was made.
- 5% increase in wages for frozen employees- After looking at the salary survey, it was determined that the frozen employees are making more than the salary survey that was agreed on. It was felt that the City had to be consistent with giving raises and it was agreed on earlier this year that the salary survey would be followed. The committee agreed that the five percent increase would not be recommended to Council.

*** Committee Member Wilcox moved to amend her motion to not accept that the City pays for a gym membership; the process for the \$150 on the clothing allowance would not change and not give the frozen employees a five percent increase in their wages. On roll call vote, it **passed** 4-0*

3. Review and Recommendation on Kmetz lease- Resolution No. 4198

*** After a short conversation, Councilperson Huber moved to recommend to Council to pass the lease, seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. The motion **passed** 4-0*

4. RESOLUTION NO. 4196- A Resolution Authorizing the City of Miles City to Enter Into An Agreement With Maguire Iron, Inc. For Repairs to the Southeast 200MG Ground Storage Reservoir

*** After a brief conversation, Committee Member Huber moved to recommend to Council to approve the Resolution, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox. The motion **passed** 4-0*

5. RESOLUTION NO. 4197- A Resolution Authorizing the City of Miles City to Enter Into An Interlocal Agreement With Custer County for Fiscal Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020

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

Chairperson Galbraith explained the contract was basically the same. The only change to the contract was adding verbiage for the sanitarian.

*** The motion **passed** 4-0*

6. Continue Discussion on Business License

Committee Member Huber thought two councilpersons, and two business owners should join together and come up with a plan for the application of the business license. He volunteered to be on the committee. Committee Member Andrews asked if Committee Member Huber and himself could get together and write a draft, and then choose two business owners to discuss the ordinance with. Once completed, it would be brought back to the finance committee.

*** Committee Member Wilcox move to recommend Committee Members Huber and Andrews work on the draft, seconded by Chairperson Galbraith. The motion **passed** 4-0*

7. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

*** Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of September 6, 2018, and seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent, 6-0.*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

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

- Special Council Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 12th @ 6:00 p.m.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen Gloria Grenz, 501 Mississippi Street, asked if the City could take the responsibility of controlling the weeds in town specifically along the railroad tracks. The city is suffering really bad with all the weeds around town and asked if the City would look into spraying the weeds by the underpass and school.

APPOINTMENTS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Branden Stevens- With the fire department being short staffed, there is a lot of overtime being used. The department will start interviewing for new candidates on September 28th. Emergency Medical Training was completed this last weekend and the department will have two new part paid EMT's after they pass the state test. The new four wheel drive ambulance will be delivered by September 28th and tender 23 is still out of service. The fire department was successful obtaining a FEMA grant and was awarded approximately \$222,000 for self-contained breathing apparatus for fire fighters, and will be requesting the full \$353,000 with an addendum to the grant. He is waiting to hear back from Ron Askin for the price he is asking to allow the fire vehicles in his building. Also waiting to hear back from MMIA on the amount the city will be receiving for the fire department building damage. The money from MMIA will be used to purchase a modular building. He added that nine utilities will need to be moved at a cost of \$30,000.

Tom Speelmon- Reported that starting tomorrow morning Stower Street will be blocked off for approximately sixty days, there will be a public meeting on September 19th at 5:30pm and the waste water plant punch list is down to about a half page.

Lorrie Pearce- Municode's updates should be delivered sometime next week, she invited all Council members to bring their books in and she will replace the inserts.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dwayne Andrews- Spotted Eagle and the Milwaukee Park look really good.

Rick Huber- The car show at Riverside Park had about 200-250 for its attendance.

Kathy Wilcox- County employee Bill Ellis had some questions for Council

- Asked who to contact for a possible pollutant site at Industrial Park- Mayor Hollowell said to contact the Planner
- The Cities impound lot needs to be licensed, and wondered who to contact Mayor Hollowell said he would follow through and contact Mr. Ellis
- Asked if the City would consider combining the now vacant planner position with the County
- Asked if the City would consider designating the excessive pigeon population as a public hazard

Jeff Erlenbusch- Is still receiving complaints on weeds in certain neighborhoods. Mrs. Grenz felt the City needs an enforcer specifically for the weeds, because the process that the City has now is not keeping Miles City beautiful. She also asked if Mr. Ingraham is not interested in trapping the pigeon, if he could train someone else to do it. Recently she has taken five nests from the air conditioner at her place of business. She asked Chief Steven if it was necessary to send out thirteen people to the river situation. Chief Steven said yes it was for the safety of the rescuers. He said everyone was rescued and nobody was injured.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Announced Planner Colton has resigned and read a note from Grounds for Change thanking the Fire Department for having truck and car seat checks at Famfest.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Service (without a recommendation) -Request for placement of signage

Councilperson Andrews explained that the request was to put a no parking sign at a resident's driveway. The committee did not think it was a good idea and gave him permission to install his own sign.

Mayor Hollowell asked for a motion three times, there was none. The request died.

BID OPENINGS

None

BID AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 4195- A Resolution Approving A Revised Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Miles City and the Local No. 283-A Union

****** *Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only and seconded by Councilperson Kassner.*

****** *Councilperson Galbraith moved to amend her motion to remove the five percent increase on salaries, remove the gym membership and leave the clothing allowance at \$150 with taxes taken out, seconded by Councilperson Kassner.*

Councilperson Galbraith explained the five percent increase would give the frozen employees an increase that is above the wage survey and the City needs to watch itself with the financial situation it is in.

****** *On roll call vote, the amended motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0. Resolution No. 4195 passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 4196- A Resolution Authorizing the City of Miles City to Enter Into an Agreement With Maguire Iron, Inc. For Repairs to the SouthEast 200 MG Ground Storage Reservoir

****** *Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only and seconded by Councilperson Huber. On roll call vote, the motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0. Resolution No. 4196 passed.*

B. RESOLUTION NO. 4197- A Resolution Authorizing the City of Miles City to Enter Into An Interlocal Agreement With Custer County For Fiscal Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020

****** *Councilperson Andrews moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only and seconded by Councilperson Galbraith.*

Councilperson Galbraith explained that verbiage for the sanitation inspector was added. Also the way the County reimburses the City for dispatch was changed back to its original state.

C. Approval of August Claims

** *Councilperson Huber moved to approve the August claims, seconded by Councilperson Andrews and passed unanimously, 6-0.*

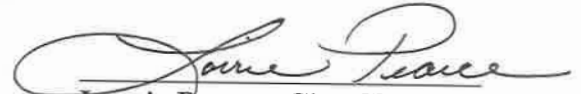
ADJOURNMENT

** *Councilperson Galbraith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Kassner and passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



John Hollowell, Mayor



Lorrie Pearce, City Clerk