

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING September 25, 2018
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, September 25, 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 Dwayne Andrews, Ken Gardner, John Uden, Rick Huber, Jeff Erlenbusch, and Kathy Wilcox. Council Members excused were: Brant Kassner and Susanne Galbraith.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Planner II Dawn Colton, Judge Kenneth Stein, City Court Clerk Gail Krezelak, Deputy City Court Clerk Nicole Richardson, Water/Wastewater Operator Josh Seekins and Deputy City Clerk/Minute Recorder Linda Wilkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hollowell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

City Council Minutes: 9/11/2018

** *Councilperson Uden moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 11, 2018, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Huber. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent, 6-0.*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

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

- Human Resources Committee – October 18, 2018 5:15 p.m.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

LeRoy Meidinger, 307 Hubbell Street – Noticed a tree had been cut down by the 600 Café. He asked why mature trees were being cut down. Councilperson Uden said that Gloria Grenz had requested the tree to be cut down because it was causing a mess. Mr. Meidinger stated that the trees had been planted to beautify Main Street and a lot of money had been spent on planting the trees.

APPOINTMENTS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

- Director Gray – Commented that the Special Council Meeting on September 27 was called for a Change Order on the Darling Addition Project. The project was doing well; however, there have been some issues with the trenches being too close to the storm drains and the soil was sloughing off the pipe which resulted in an additional 369 lineal feet of storm drain pipe being laid and concrete needs to be poured. He will not be at the Special Council Meeting, but Assistant Public Works Director Sam Malenovsky will attend the meeting and will be able to answer questions. Councilperson Uden asked when the street would open. Director Gray said there was a tentative date of October 26, if all went well.
- Planner Colton – Commented that Dave DeGrandpre has been working with her to get things in order prior to her last day. She will be available for any questions after she leaves.

- Chief Stevens – Commented that Paramedic Taylor Lee’s last day will be September 27. Interviews will be conducted for new firefighter candidates on September 28. MMIA has approved temporary access to the condemned part of the fire station for six months.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- The Council and Mayor thanked Planner Colton for her service to the City.
- Councilperson Andrews – He wanted to know in regard to the tree if there were any repercussions for destroying city property. The Mayor commented that there was a straw poll at a previous Council meeting regarding cutting down the tree. Who will replace the tree? The tree was sitting on Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) right of way. The Mayor will call MDOT.
- Councilperson Huber – He had been on a tour of the Police Department and thanked them.
- Councilperson Uden – Spoke with Councilperson Galbraith regarding maintaining officers and suggested she get ahold of the Chief for a ride along.
- Councilperson Andrews – He had been on a ride along with Officer Sloan.
- Councilperson Huber – Anyone could request a ride along and thought it was a good idea.

MAYOR COMMENTS

The City has been awarded the Workers’ Compensation Loss Control Achievement by MMIA for the lowest loss dollars incurred for workers’ compensation claims over the last five years for a second class city.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

BID OPENINGS

None

BID AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Discussion on Deputy Court Clerk Position**
Judge Stein requested that the Council reconsider putting the Deputy City Clerk to a part time position. As a new Judge he relies of the Clerk’s expertise. He commented that no one had spoken with him or the clerks regarding the duties completed by clerks. After an extended discussion it was determined that the Judge would submit to the Human Resources Committee the justification for keeping the Deputy City Clerk position full time for review and consideration.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 4198- A Resolution Approving a Real Property Lease Agreement Between the City of Miles City, and Greg and Alice Kmetz, for Certain Real Property Owned by Miles City, Montana**

** *Councilperson Gardner moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Erlenbusch, and on roll call vote, passed by unanimous consent, 6-0. Resolution No. 4198 passed.*

C. **RESOLUTION NO. 4199- A Resolution Approving Agreement Articles and Obligating Document With the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Ambulance Grant**

** *Councilperson Uden moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Andrews, and on roll call vote, passed by unanimous consent, 6-0. Resolution No. 4199 passed.*

D. **RESOLUTION NO. 4200- A Resolution Requesting Distribution of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program Funds**

** *Councilperson Gardener moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only and seconded by Councilperson Andrews. On roll call vote, the motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0. Resolution No. 4200 passed.*

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



John Hollowell, Mayor



Linda Wilkins, Deputy City Clerk