

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING December 10, 2019
6:20 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 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, Ken Gardner, John Uden, Rick Huber, Kathy Wilcox and Susanne Galbraith. Councilpersons Dwayne Andrews and Austin Lott were excused.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Planner/Grant Administrator Officer Ally Capps, 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: 11/26/2019

** *Councilperson Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 26, 2019, 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:

Public Safety Committee December 17th @ 6 p.m.
Finance Committee December 19th @ 6 p.m.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

Urban Renewal Board-Elizabeth Patten

** *Councilperson Uden moved to approve Elizabeth Patten to the Urban Renewal Board, seconded by Councilperson Galbraith. The motion passed by unanimously, 6-0*

Mayor Hollowell swore Mrs. Patten into the position.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Scott Gray- Announced that the Strevell project has shut down for winter, and invited everyone to a retirement party for Wayne Niles at the City Shop. Wayne is retiring after 43 years and will be missed.

Ally Capps- Chief Stevens and herself have applied for a \$200,000 grant from Steele-Reese. If the City is awarded the grant it will be used to purchase a new four-wheel drive ambulance.

Doug Colombik- Will hand out the yearly staff reports in January and announced that an anonymous donor wrote a check to cover the cost for the Zetx software.

Lorrie Pearce- Contacted Mid-Rivers and by listing the City as a non-profit organization, saved General Fund about \$100 a month in cost for its services. Also,

reminded the reelected Councilpersons that she has the oath of office paperwork available and the Mayor could swear them in after the meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ken Gardner- Read the following:

On June 29th 2018, the city building inspector, along with Krivonen Structural Consultants, (KSC), looked at structural concerns of the fire hall. It was reported by the fire chief that there were significant leaks in the original ceiling of the fire hall. In the spring of 2018, the building inspector went on the roof stating he felt he heard cracking. Based on this, he concluded that the structure is unsafe and needed to be vacated before the next snowfall. During further inspection of the roof trusses damage was noted. The bottom chord of trusses was covered with insulation; therefore, they were not observable. Because of the damages to the top chords, along with the webs, it was likely to have also occurred at the bottom cord as well. It was reported that there was evidence of water damage at most of the roof framing members. At that time, it was noted by (KSC) that they did not have the means to test for mold or rot. /From the examination it was determined that the original roof framing was inadequate. From this determination (KSC) did not feel that the existing roof could not be reinforced adequately. It was recommended by (KSC) that a complete removal of the existing roof framing be replaced with a new pre-engineered roof truss system. The wall framing was not observable at the time of the inspection, since it was concealed by finished wall surfaces and roof framing. It was reported that it would be necessary to further investigate wall framing during the discovery phase of roof repair. In addition to roof framing issues, slab cracking of concrete along with heaving was observed. It was stated while slab movement is not necessarily a structural concern, it could be a functional concern such as the operation of overhead doors. There were wall cracks noted on both the east and west walls. It was determined, while the size of these cracks are not structural concerns their positions suggested evidence of foundation movement. Based on the size of the structure and measurement of cracks, it was felt that the cracks did not represent a structural concern at this time. Efforts have been made to divert water to limit further foundation and slab movement. It was stated that repairing the damaged portion of the slab may resolve the current functional issues. As an elected council person in Miles City, it is my obligation to represent the citizen's needs to the best of my ability. I feel the council needs to look at all options prior to rebuilding an entire new facility. It is important to notify potential contractors as to the feasibility and cost of updating an existing structure. It is imperative that the public is notified of the impending cost, as well as given the opportunity to discuss it in a public forum. If there has been any follow up on these issues discussed, it is important to keep us informed, so as a council member we can keep the public informed.

It is important to note that the new addition on the east side of the fire hall has metal trusses which should not be subject to replacement. What the city would be looking at, is repair of the existing original roof on the original building, this is the area that houses the fire trucks and ambulance vehicles.

After reading the letter, Councilperson Gardner replied that half of the fire department building has metal trusses and those should not be subject to replacement. So, all the City is looking at is repairing the area where the ambulance and fire trucks are, which would save the City a lot of money. The City would be looking at repairing an existing roof on the original building.

Rick Huber- Responded to Wayne Niles retirement. He said Mr. Niles was a team player, made good decisions and saved the City a lot of money throughout his years of employment.

Mr. R. Curtis Reese introduced himself as the new Ward IV Councilperson.

Susanne Galbraith- There are two claims that she had responses to. For City Hall there was 35.89 GB usage on Netflix and 32.22 GB usage on You Tube. She thought it was inappropriate usage. Also, there was a claim from Regan's for a furnace installation at Bender Park. It was posted in the capital improvement fund and it needed to be posted in the parks fund, because it was not in the (CIP) budget to be approved and it is not \$5,000 or over.

John Uden- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

MAYOR COMMENTS

Thanked Councilperson Susanne Galbraith for her eight years of services to the City. He added, with her being on the Council there has been some amazing things accomplished. Everyone sang happy birthday to her!

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

BID OPENINGS

Printing Contract- Bids were received from Boss Printing and Star Printing

**** Councilperson Uden moved to refer the bids to Finance for review and make recommendation to Council, second by Councilperson Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0**

Six Wheel Broom Street Sweeper- Two bids were received:

1. Swanson Equipment \$224,811 with a \$10,000 trade in
2. Titan Machinery \$192,102 with a \$10,000 trade in

**** Councilperson Uden moved to refer the bids to Finance for review and make recommendation to Council, second by Councilperson Galbraith. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0**

BID AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 4298- A Resolution Adopting Findings of Fact and Approving the Amended Plat and Subdivision Exemptions for the Purpose of Boundary Line Relocations and Aggregation of Lots Involving Lots 1-5 of Block 14 of the Plat of Baker Addition in the City of Miles City, Montana

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

The boundary line adjustment is 5 lots combined into 2 lots (Lot A and B) The owners are planning on selling lot B.

*** On roll call vote, the motion passed, 6-0. Resolution No. 4298 passed.**

B. Approval of November Claims

**** Councilperson Galbraith moved to approve the November claims, seconded by Councilperson Kassner and passed unanimously, 6-0**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



John Hollowell, Mayor



Lorrie Pearce, City Clerk