

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 13, 2020

The Public Service Committee met Tuesday, August 13, 2020 at 5:00pm in the City Hall Conference Room. 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana. Present were Committee Members, Dwayne Andrews, Ken Gardner, and Rick Huber. Committee Member Kathy Wilcox was excused.

Also present: Deputy City Clerk/Recorder Mary Rowe.

Committee Member Andrews opened the meeting

1. Request of Citizens/Public Comment:

-None-

2. Committee Member Comments:

-None-

3. Request for 2-hour parking sign at 217 North & 7th Street by Melody Demint, owner of Raggedy Ann Antiques.

Chairperson Andrews opened by saying that the sign would be on North 7th Street, a highway, so the decision will have to involve the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). He spoke with Mike Skillestad, Maintenance Chief at MDT, to obtain requirements. MDT would require copies of the Public Service Minutes, (if approved), copy of City Council Minutes and the Resolution, (if approved), a Global Information System (GIS) placement map from Floodplain Administrator Sam Malenovsky, then MDT would go through the approval process for the sign.

** *Committee Member Gardner moved to recommend that a two-hour parking sign be placed between the two businesses affecting the parking to the north of the sign.*

Melody Demint of 217 N 7th Street (Raggedy Ann Antiques), stated that she had been at that location for 4 years with no parking problems, then last October Joe Ferris moved Miles City Transmission and Repair, LLC next door to her shop. Melody believed that a part of Montana Code Annotated stated, vehicles that are running can sit in one spot no longer than forty-eight hours, and if not running then no longer than five days. She is requesting the sign because she wants to give her customers somewhere safe and convenient to park. She stated the following instances have occurred since October.

- There was an average of 12-16 vehicles parked in front of her store and across the street by Pepsi Co. at any given time between the 4th and the 10th of last month.

- Joe Ferris has had personal vehicles parked at his business location for months.
- Her sales have decreased by forty percent and she has lost approximately twenty-three percent of her customers, causing her a financial burden.
- Officer Mark Winkley had tagged vehicles parked along the street at this location with expired tags and/or no license plates at all.

Committee Member Rick Huber wanted to go on record that Melody Demint is his sister in law.

There was a brief discussion amongst the committee members about the placement location of the sign. It was decided that the sign should be placed in between the two businesses affecting all parking to the north of the sign.

**** On a roll call vote, the motion *passed, 3-0.***

4.Adjournment:

**** Committee Member Huber moved to adjourn, seconded by Committee Member Gardener, the motion *passed unanimously 3-0.***

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm


Dwayne Andrews, Chairperson


Mary Rowe, Deputy City Clerk