

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING December 8, 2020
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, December 8, 2020, in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana and Zoom. Mayor John Hollowell called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Brant Kassner, Ken Gardner, Rick Huber, Austin Lott, Kathy Wilcox and Stacey Broell. Councilperson Dwayne Andrews was excused. Councilperson Elizabeth Patten joined the meeting at 6:04 P.M.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Planner in Training 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: 11/24/2020

** Councilperson Lott moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 24, 2020, and seconded by Councilperson Gardner. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 7-0.

Flood Control Committee Minutes: 11/19/2020

** Councilperson Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the Flood Control Committee Meeting of November 19, 2020, and seconded by Councilperson Kassner. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 7-0.

Human Resource Committee Minutes: 11/19/2020

** Councilperson Broell moved to approve the minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting of November 19, 2020, and seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 7-0.

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

The following meetings will be held in the City Hall Conference Room:
Public Safety
December 15th @ 6 p.m.

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

Douglas Phair to Airport Commissioner (Reappoint)

** Councilperson Huber moved to approve the reappointment, seconded by Councilperson Gardner and passed unanimously.

Phillip Emmons to Airport Commissioner (Reappoint)

** Councilperson Huber moved to approve the reappointment, seconded by Councilperson Kassner and passed unanimously.

Cory Wilhelm to Board of Appeals

PROCEEDING OF CITY COUNCIL
MILES CITY, MONTANA

** *Councilperson Kassner moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Councilperson Wilcox.*

Mayor Hollowell explained that Mr. Wilhelm worked for DOWL before he started his own business. He thought with his experience that he would fit the role.

Councilperson Patten said she had worked with Mr. Wilhelm in starting his new business and was impressed with him as a person. She thought he would be a good person on the board.

Councilperson Huber asked if there would be a conflict with Mr. Wilhelm representing the Custer County Water and Sewer District. Mayor Hollowell and Attorney Rice did not think it would.

** *The motion passed unanimously.*

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Doug Colombik- Said he will be introducing two new officers at the next Council meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rick Huber- Observed an employee driving the older street sweeper. He went along the curb and did a really good job. Thanked the department for what they do.

Kathy Wilcox- Asked for an update on purchasing the Woolhouse. Mayor Hollowell said that Saturday he signed paperwork to purchase the building for \$265,000. A \$2,000 earnest check will be delivered to Security Abstract on Friday and closing could be as soon as December 31, 2020.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Hollowell asked if everyone will be in town to proceed with the December 22nd Council meeting. Everyone was available.

Read the following letter that he received.

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November 18, 2020

Mayor Hollowell City Council
City of Miles City
PO Box 910
Miles City, MT 59301-0901

RE: Darling Addition Street and Utilities Rehabilitation

Dear Mayor and City Council,

At the conclusion of this busy construction season and the completion of the Darling Addition-Phase3, KU Engineering LLC would like to take a moment to express our appreciation for the opportunity to provide engineering and surveying services to Miles City. For the past three years, we have been the consultant for the Darling Addition Street and Utility Reconstruction projects. These projects have updated water and sewer lines, greatly improved the storm drain system, and reconstructed the streets, as well as the aesthetics and pedestrian safety of the area. The City Public Works staff, Scott Gray, Tom Speelmon, and Samantha Malenovsky, are an exceptional group of professionals, dedicated to improving the quality of life for the residents of Miles City. They are available and approachable to discuss project issues, always provide timely decisions and clear direction, and place the best interests of the City at the forefront. Perhaps most importantly, they challenge us to provide the best, most economical solution o every facet of the project. -- We would also like to commend Diamond J Construction. Miles City is fortunate to have a contractor like this in the community. They equipped and staffed the project to maintain the schedule and meet key milestones; they were very accommodating when it came to addressing changes in the work; they communicated openly with everyone involved in the project and were responsive to homeowner questions and concerns and accommodated them accordingly; and their administrative staff was always ready to help in any way they could.

Thanks again for the opportunity to provide engineering and surveying services for the Darling Addition. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work on this project. Miles City is a great community and we look forward many more years of serving your community.

PROCEEDING OF CITY COUNCIL
MILES CITY, MONTANA

Sincerely,
Matthew Smith
Matthew S. Smith, PE
Project Manager

Mark Anderson, PE
VP Environment and Public Works

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

BID OPENINGS

None

BID AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Sending \$61,661.12 to Collections From the Ambulance Fund

** *Councilperson Lott moved to approve sending \$61,661.12 to Collections and seconded by Councilperson Kassner. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 7-0.*

B. Approval of November Claims

** *Councilperson Gardner moved to approve the November claims and seconded by Councilperson Lott. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 7-0.*

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



John Hollowell, Mayor



Lorrie Pearce, City Clerk