

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING March 8, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, March 8, 2022, in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 17 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Miles City, Montana and online via zoom.us. Council President Kathy Wilcox called the meeting to order. Council Members present were, Dwayne Andrews, Chris Grenz, Rick Huber, Kathy Wilcox, Ken Garner, Roxanna Brush, and Stacy Broell. Council Member Brant Kassner was not present.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Police Captain Dan Baker, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Flood Plain Administrator/Auto Cad/Assistant PWPV Samantha Malenovsky, Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon and City Clerk/Minute Recorder Mary Rowe.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hollowell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**City Council Minutes: 2/22/2022**

\*\* *Councilperson Brush moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 22, 2022, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Huber.*

Councilperson Huber noted on page four that the second for adjournment listed Councilperson Lott and should have been Councilperson Brush.

Councilperson Grenz stated that he voted against adjournment and that it was not unanimously passed.

\*\* *Andrews moved to amend minutes to reflect the two corrections, seconded by Councilperson Gardner and passed unanimously, 7-0.*

\*\* *The main motion passed by unanimous consent, 7-0.*

**SCHEDULE MEETINGS**

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

Finance Committee Meeting	March 10, 2022	@6:00 pm
Human Resources Committee Meeting	March 15, 2022	@4:15 pm

**REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Colombik handed out Police Department weekly Statistics. He added that he had contacted DOT and that we would need their permission to purchase and place two digital speed signs on Leighton Boulevard.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**- Public Safety recommends traffic control on Leighton Boulevard by continued police presence, biannual crosswalk painting, and speed monitoring signage.**

Councilperson Andrews does not agree with this approach and believes there should be stop signs placed to slow traffic down. Councilmembers Huber, Grenz, and Gardner agree with the placement of stop signs.

Councilperson Brush stated that we can place signs but it could cost us our urban funding if traffic was rerouted to another street.

Director Speelmon said that Shane Mintz had told Scott that if it forces traffic to another route we could lose the funding, but an urban route traffic study would need to be done which could take 2-3 years.

Attorney Rice stated that it would need to go to Resolution.

Chairperson Wilcox asked Council if they were okay placing stop signs on Strevell making Leighton and Strevell a 4-way stop and adding pedestrian crossing signs and additional road painting on Leighton and Stacy, to which there were no objections.

**BID OPENINGS**

**MCFR Ladder Truck**

Chief Stevens stated that only one bid was received from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, out of Alabama, in the amount of \$300,000, which is under the maximum amount listed and it meets all of the specifications.

Councilperson Grenz asked about when they got their last fire apparatus truck and how often it is used and what the mileage is on the current truck. Chief Stevens responded that it is used often.

Councilperson Huber inquired as to whether the current fire truck could be retrofitted to have a water tank as a water tender truck. Chief Stevens said it is currently being looked into.

\*\* *Councilperson Huber moved to refer bid to Finance, seconded by Councilperson Andrews and passed unanimously, 7-0.*

**BID AWARDS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. VARIANCE REQUEST AT 105 MISSISSIPPI TO CONSTRUCT AN ATTACHED GARAGE BELOW BASE FLOOD ELEVATION PLUS 2 FEET REQUIREMENT**

\*\* *Councilperson Grenz moved to approve the variance request, seconded by Councilperson Broell.*

Councilperson Grenz noticed that there have been quite a few other variances that have been approved. He questioned whether others in his area are eligible to do similar to this. Administrator Malenovsky said it would depend on their elevation. If the slope of the driveway exceeds building code, then yes, they could apply and be approved for a variance. Anyone can apply for a variance, but it is ultimately up to

Council.

Councilperson Brush verified that if a garage was not attached then it could be built without Council approval so long as there are vents. Administrator Malenovsky confirmed and added that there cannot be any livable quarters in the detached garage either.

\*\* On roll call vote, the motion passed 6-1, with Councilperson Brush voting no.

**B. Approval of February claims**

\*\* Councilperson Grenz moved to approve February claims, subject to any changes, seconded by Councilperson Brush.

Councilperson Grenz questioned the following claims (responses in parenthesis):

- Page 1 - Location of Wex Bank for Fuel (Near the Airport)
- Page 2 – Is Mastercard mostly used for fuel as it is very vague (all departments combined)
- Page 6 – Splash pad, thought it was all donated
- The meaning of the asterisk (the line item is overspent)
- Whose office is at the Executive Building (RSVP)
- Page 8 – City Service Inc, 5000-gallon truck - interest (Airport Fuel Truck)
- Page 8 – Allegiance Benefit Plan (Insurance)
- Page 8-9 – Public Outreach (Levee Project and Grant Funding)
- Claim number 135401 State Treasurer AFR filing fee (Annual Financial Report Filing Fee)
- Dawson College interdiction training (Police Drug interdiction training)
- Unit 25 (Istate Truck in Billings resolving emissions issue on semi-tractor)
- Page 10 – CJ Electric Parks Department for \$414.74
- Whitehall Alpine Distributing (Fuel and transmission conditioner used on all trucks)
- Farmers Elevator – (Cenex Harvest States, CHS)
- Fish Wildlife and Parks (Old fish and Game Building)
- RDO Equipment units 46 & 45 (John Deere Dealership in Billings, Loaders)
- Page 13 - Tire Rama Unit 37 tires (Motor Grader, streets and utilities)
- Macs Frontierland, Chevy oil leak, \$3,926.50 (Ambulance repair)
- LN Curtis and Sons (Fire Equipment)
- 3 Star Subscriptions (It is one subscription divided between three departments)
- Sign Solutions (Streets)
- Billing Document Specialists (mailing and water/sewer bills)
- Ferguson Waterworks (Waterline supplies)
- Metal Maniacs (Metal cut-off wheels for Shop)
- Unit 94 Department (Streets)
- Sherwin Williams Barricades (Very specific reflective paint)
- Page 15 - Notbohms, Unit 11, \$545.63 and \$545.62 (Split between two departments)
- Swank Movie Licensing, \$1,800 (Library)
- KLJ Engineering GIS (Geographical Information Systems for Dispatch)
- Page 16 – Dept of Environmental Quality (Sewer Discharge Permit Fee)
- Jerry's Refrigeration (Heater at Montana Lift Station)
- DPC Industries (Chlorine)
- Custer County Transit – (RSVP)
- DAV Driver meals (RSVP volunteer drivers)
- Equipment Management Solutions, Unit 13 (Water/Sewer repairs)
- Land Solutions (Contract Planner)

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- Flathead Valley Community College (SAMHSA Grant reimburses those expenses)

Councilperson Wilcox stated that the Finance Committee reviews the claims in advance so they are available in administration.

Councilperson Huber questioned the following:

- Muggli Contracting on page 11, Butler and Jordan Street (Tree Removal)
- Michael Murphy meals (police officer meals)
- Unit 94 (Parks)

\*\* *The main motion and passed unanimously, 7-0.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

\*\* *Councilperson Grenz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Broell and passed unanimously, 7-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01p.m.

*Kathleen L Wilcox*  
Kathy Wilcox, Council President

*Mary Roye*  
Mary Roye, City Clerk