

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING June 14, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 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 Stacy Broell, Ken Gardner, Rick Huber, Chris Grenz, Kathy Wilcox, and Roxanna Brush. Council Members Brant Kassner and Dwayne Andrews were not present.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Fire Battalion Chief Sarah Lewin, Local 600 President Casey Miller, Dispatch Supervisor Lyne Anderson, 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: 5/24/2022

** *Councilperson Brush moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 24, 2022, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Gardner. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0.*

Public Service Committee Meeting: 5/26/2022

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 26th, 2022**

The Public Service Committee met May 26th in the City Hall Conference Room, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana. Present were Committee Members, Dwayne Andrews, Kathy Wilcox, and Ken Gardner. Committee Member Chris Grenz was absent.

Also present were Public Works Director Scott Gray, and Deputy City Clerk/ Recorder Jody Kinsey.
Chairperson Andrews opened the meeting

- 1. Request of Citizens**
-None-
- 2. Committee Member Comments**
-None-
- 3. Request to Add Angle Parking for the Building at 2000 Clark Street**

** *Committee Member Andrews moved to accept and recommend the request, seconded by Committee Member Wilcox. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 3-0.*

4. Adjournment

** *Committee Member Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Gardner. Motion passed, 3-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm

** *Councilperson Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the Public Service Committee Meeting of May 26, 2022, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0.*

Finance Committee Meeting: 5/26/2022

**Finance Committee Meeting
May 26, 2022**

The Finance Committee met Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. at City Hall in the conference room. Present were Committee Chair Stacy Broell and Committee Members Brant Kassner and Rick Huber. Committee Member Roxanna Brush was not present.

Also present were Mayor John Hollowell, several Union 283-A employees, and City Clerk/Recorder Mary Rowe.

Chairperson Broell called the meeting to order.

1. Requests of Citizens and Public Comment

None

2. Review and Recommend Union 283-A wage matrix

Committee Member Huber clarified that the years of service in gray #7 is for foremans. He asked if the figures in the worksheet included the cola increase and benefits, and if this matrix was also dependent on budget figures like the non-union wage matrix.

Hannah Nash, Union Representative, asked for clarification on the reason for not having a recommendation at this time.

Mayor Hollowell explained that this will be ratified in the union contract and that it is only to review at this time. Reviewing it now will allow the Finance Committee to understand where we are going to be moving forward. He also noted that Director's Gray and Speelmon are in favor of these changes. He gave credit to Jace Kinsey for addressing previous issues and correcting them with this matrix.

Chairperson Broell stated that these figures had a minimal increase to General fund and look acceptable.

3. Adjournment

Committee Member Kassner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee Member Huber and passed unanimously, 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

**
Councilperson Broell moved to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of May 26, 2022, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Brush. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0.

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

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

Finance Committee, June 21, 2022, 6:00 pm

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Colombik gave an update on the Woolhouse/Police Department building, which included the completion of the brick work and the bat issue was resolved. He stated that the Girls Scouts performed community service by gutting out the garages in back of the Police Department building and Dan Decker hauled all of the garbage and debris away. He requested that the Police Department be added to the mowing/maintenance schedule. There are some gravel issues that remain, but will be brought up during Public Safety meeting. The Police cars are still having several issues because the electronics have to run 24/7. Captain Baker will be back from the FBI academy. He also reported that Bucking Horse this year had less fighting, less everything, except minor in possession tickets.

Battalion Chief Lewin reported on behalf of Chief Stevens who was called out on flood assistance. Last year was their highest call volume. There will be an open house on Thursday and Saturday at the Fire Department. Thursday at 1500 is the expected peak for the flood and reassured everyone that they are prepared, even though the flood risk is low. She noted that they are having supply chain issues for AED machine batteries and IV fluids.

Director Gray stated that there is continuous monitoring of the Tongue and Yellowstone rivers. The levels compare to previous years and pose a low flood risk for our area. All of the pools are open and lifeguards are trained. He spoke about the runoff at Southgate on Horizon Parkway. The detention pond is fixed and the runoff

is better now than it had been in the past, but the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and engineers are studying it. He then gave a report on behalf of Director Speelman, that the utility crew has been busy with locates and clean camera lines on Haynes.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Wilcox had three things to say:

- 1- She appreciates the Council looking out for the best interest of the City regarding the Fire Department even though it is known that there are strong feelings on both sides of the fence.
- 2- She requested that new chairs for the Council be added to the budget this year.
- 3- She wanted to apply for a Historic Preservation grant for City Hall with Julie Emmons-Stoddard from South Eastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC).

Councilperson Brush reported that there is a “no trucks” sign on Edgewood street that looks like it was hit by a truck. Director Gray said he would look into it.

Councilperson Grenz asked when we are planning to put the Fire Department on the ballot, to which Mayor Hollowell replied, hopefully it will not have to go the ballot at all.

Councilperson Gardner stated that the splashpad is such a great thing for the community and it is always super busy.

MAYOR COMMENTS

There are three flood stages here. Stage one is at a fourteen foot minimum and currently the risk is at 13.8. In 2017 it was seventeen feet. We do not need to be concerned about a flood at this time.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Public Service Recommend adding angle parking for the building at 2000 Clark Street.

** Councilperson Wilcox moved to approve adding angle parking on the 2000 block of Clark Street and on North Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Brush.

Director Gray noted that the owners are in attendance. The sidewalks are currently fourteen feet wide from the curb in. If angle parking were to be put in, there would still be six foot sidewalks with the indent road on both streets. The City will pay for curbing, and the owners will pay for additional concrete.

Councilperson Huber asked how far the cars would hang over the sidewalk when parking at an angle towards the curb. Director Gray explained that there would still be the thirty-two inches remaining for the ADA allowance.

** The motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0.

BID OPENINGS

None

BID AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 4461 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND APPROVING THE AMENDED PLAT FOR THE

PURPOSE OF A BOUNDARY LINE RELOCATION INVOLVING LOTS 3 & 4 OF THE AMENDED PLAT OF BLOCK 7 OF HUNTER'S ADDITION AND BLOCK 8 OF SCHMALSLER AND ULLMAN'S ADDITION IN THE CITY OF MILES CITY, MONTANA.

** Councilperson Wilcox moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only and seconded by Councilperson Huber. On roll call vote, the motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0. Resolution No. 4461 passed.

B. APPROVAL TO WRITE OFF DECEASED CUSTOMER UTILITY ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$312.36

** Councilperson Brush moved to approve writing off deceased customer utility account in the amount of \$312.36, seconded by Councilperson Gardner and passed unanimously, 6-0.

C. APPROVAL TO SEND PAST DUE UTILITY ACCOUNTS TO COLLECTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$684.90

** Councilperson Broell moved to approve sending past due utility accounts to collections, seconded by Councilperson Huber and passed unanimously, 6-0.

D. APPROVAL OF MAY CLAIMS

** Councilperson Brush moved to approve May claims, seconded by Councilperson Huber.

Councilperson Huber requested additional information on six vendors, City Service, Morrison Maierle, L.N. Curtis & Sons, Hardy Construction, Double J Concrete, and Flathead Valley Community College.

** The motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


John Hollowell, Mayor


Mary Rowe, City Clerk