

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING July 26, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, July 26, 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 Rick Huber, Chris Grenz, Kathy Wilcox, Roxanna Brush, Brant Kassner and Dwayne Andrews, Stacy Broell and Ken Gardner.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, 911 Director Lynn Anderson, and Deputy City Clerk/Minute Recorder Jody Kinsey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hollowell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

None

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

None

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Schultdt of 2705 Sudlow addressed her concerns for issues of vehicles parking on the side street of her house where she keeps a camper and trailer. The vehicles from the trailer park across the street don't have much for off street parking. She said for the most part the neighbors have been good about not parking there, however recently she has had issues moving her vehicles and would like to see the issue as an agenda item to be discussed and acted on. Councilperson Grenz suggested a no parking sign.

APPOINTMENTS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Stevens reminded everyone that there will be a meeting open to the public on Wednesday July 27th at 6:00pm at Miles Community College Room 106. This will be a time for the citizens to comment and ask questions about the options of repair or rebuild for the Fire Department.

Director Anderson presented Dispatcher Amber Anderson with an award. She recently finished her probationary period. She was able to give CPR instructions over the phone which resulted in a life saved. Dispatcher Andrew Merical was also given an award which included a letter of commendation from the Sheriff of Prairie County. Dispatcher Merical received a call from a man traveling with his family on the highway while water was rushing across the road. Dispatcher Merical was able to remain calm and direct the family to safety. Dispatch currently has two positions open. Director Anderson went to Job Service and learned about an opportunity to receive reimbursement for training for up to six months.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Gardner wanted to thank the city crews for removing the weeds in front of the Police Department.

Councilperson Huber attended the SEMDC training in Forsyth. He has brochures and information for anyone who would to see it.

Councilperson Kassner turned in a letter of resignation. His last meeting will be August 9th. Councilperson Wilcox thanked him for his service to the community.

MAYOR COMMENTS

The Mayor read a letter from the 4th of July Committee thanking the City for supporting the 4th of July events.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

BID OPENINGS

None

BID AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. **ARPA Water & Sewer Infrastructure Grant Award**

** Councilperson Andrews moved to accept the award, seconded by Councilperson Brush. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.

B. **RESOLUTION 4467 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY APPROVING A TASK ORDER WITH KADRMAS, LEE & JACKSON, INC. RELATED TO THE TONGUE RIVER SLOUGH PROJECT**

** Councilperson Grenz moved to accept the Resolution, seconded by Councilperson Gardner. On roll call vote the resolution passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. **ORDINANCE NO. 1358 (First Reading) – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-53 OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY FLOOD CODE WITH RESPECT TO AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES.**

** Councilperson Kassner moved to accept the Ordinance read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

D. **ORDINANCE NO. 1359 (First Reading) - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22-124 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY REGARDING U-TURNS IN SCHOOL ZONES.**

**PROCEEDING OF CITY COUNCIL
MILES CITY, MONTANA**

****** *Councilperson Gardner moved to approve the Ordinance read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Brush. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.*

E. ORDINANCE NO. 1360 (First Reading) - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22-175 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY REGARDING ANGLE PARKING.

****** *Councilperson Wilcox moved to approve the Ordinance read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Grenz. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.*

F. ORDINANCE NO. 1361 (First Reading) - AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 22-152 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY WITH RESPECT TO PROHIBITING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE DRIVING.

****** *Councilperson Wilcox moved to approve the Ordinance read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Gardner. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.*

G. APPROVAL OF JUNE CLAIMS

****** *Councilperson Brush moved to approve claims, seconded by Councilperson Wilcox and passed unanimously.*

Councilperson Huber had the following questions on claims:

-Franks Body Shop-Felony Arson Case. Chief Colombik explained that the new police building doesn't have secure garage bays for impound vehicles.

-Bills Truck Service-was for work done on the Airports Fuel Truck.

-Fifth Third Bank-was for UV filtration equipment used by the water treatment plant.

-SDI-was a payment that had not yet been paid on the police building.

-Big Sky Gutters & Doors-why weren't we using a local company. Director Speelmon explained that we are on a service schedule with them and they are reasonably priced, also they are very responsive when something needs worked on.

Councilperson Grenz questioned Parker, Heitz, & Cosgrove claim because it was overspent in the budget. It was for a lawsuit so it was not in the budget because it was an unexpected cost.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



**John Hollowell, Mayor
Clerk**



Jody Kinsey, Deputy City