

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING March 14,
2023**

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana and online at zoom.us. Mayor Hollowell called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Pamela Bovee, Ken Gardner, Rick Huber, Chris Grenz, Mathew Regan, Kathy Wilcox, and Dwayne Andrews. Council Member Roxanna Brush was not present.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Police Chief Doug Colombik (zoom), Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Battalion Chief Sarah Lewin, Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, and City Clerk/Minute Recorder Mary Rowe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor John Hollowell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Special City Council Minutes: 2/28/23

** *Councilperson Huber moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 28, 2023, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Gardner. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 7-0.*

Regular City Council Minutes: 2/28/23

** *Councilperson Regan moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 28, 2023, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Grenz. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 7-0.*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

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

Public Safety	3/21/2023	@6:00pm
Human Resources	3/24/2023	@5:00pm

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Atchison from South Eastern Montana Economic Development (SEMDC) thanked the City of Miles City for support and presented a certificate of appreciation to Mayor Hollowell. Amber Hurt, loan officer was then introduced and an overview of the One Health grant was given.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Stevens reported that the environmental assessment is out for review in the city clerk's office. He also informed Council that the County Election Officer, Linda Corbett, denied the special election; instead it will go on to the primary election.

Chief Colombik announced that he had attended the Coal Board meeting in Helena last week and they are funding \$54,000 with \$18,000 match funds. He added that he will resubmit in June for more Police cars.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Gardner explained that there is a surge of border crossing at the Canadian border and inquired as to whether the City has an action plan. Mayor Hollowell and Attorney Rice stated that proper authorities would be notified and food/shelters are available for those in need.

Councilpersons Huber and Gardner went on a four to five-hour ride along with Officers Morris and Murphy and witnessed one traffic stop.

Councilperson Huber inquired as to whether the City was equipped to handle a train wreck with a chemical spill. Chief Stevens responded that we are not. We do not have correct gear, nor the manpower to respond. There is a Civil Support team in place for assistance with these types of disasters.

Councilperson Grenz asked how many colors of fire hydrant tops there are and how many have black tops. Director Speelmon explained that there are four different colors and black indicates that it is not functional.

MAYOR COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 4500 - (Second Reading) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2022 AND 2022-2023 FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 101, AND PROVIDING FOR HEARING THEREON**

Mayor Hollowell called for proponents three times and opponents three times. Hearing none, the hearing was closed.

- B. ORDINANCE NO. 1367 - (Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 23-33 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY REGARDING INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES.**

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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** Councilperson Bovee moved to approve the Resolution read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

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** *Councilperson Regan moved to approve the Ordinance read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.*

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 4504 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY APPROVING AN "ACCOUNT ORDER FORM" WITH ARCHIVE SOCIAL FOR SOCIAL MEDIA ARCHIVING SERVICES.

** *Councilperson Wilcox moved to approve the Resolution read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Bovee. On a roll call vote, the motion passed, 5-2, with Councilpersons Grenz and Gardner voting no.*

B. RESOLUTION NO. 4505 - A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 2826 REGARDING GRANTING OF ALCOHOL VARIANCES AT WIBAUX PARK.

** *Councilperson Grenz moved to approve the Resolution read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Regan.*

Councilperson Huber read a letter he had received against approving the variance.

Councilperson Grenz stated that it is an area for kids and they should not be subjected to this type of abuse.

Jennifer Losey, 110 Neu View, stated that six years ago MCP² had requested an alcohol variance at Wibaux Park and when they were told the reason they were denied it made sense. There is little separation between the play area and the shelter area.

Mark Ahner, 13 S. Stacy, stated that he lives close by Wibaux Park and does not find it appropriate in the area. He explained that it would be a detriment to the community and urged Council to vote no.

** *On a roll call vote, the motion failed unanimously, 7-0.*

C. ACCEPT CITY OF MILES CITY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FOR REBUILD OF MILES CITY FIRE AND AMBULANCE STATION.

** *Councilperson Andrews moved to accept the environmental report, seconded by Councilperson Wilcox, and passed unanimously, 7-0.*

D. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY CLAIMS

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** Councilperson Huber moved to approve February claims,
seconded by Councilperson Grenz.

There was a brief conversation to clarify vendors and purchases.

** The motion passed *unanimously*, 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

** Councilperson Gardner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded
by Councilperson Huber and passed *unanimously*, 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56p.m.



John Hollowell, Mayor



Mary Rowe, City Clerk