

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING April 25, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, April 25th, 2023, in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 17 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Miles City, Montana and online at zoom.us. Council President Brush called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Kathy Wilcox, Matthew Regan, Dwayne Andrews, Rick Huber, Chris Grenz, Roxanna Brush, and Pamela Bovee. Ken Gardner was absent.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, and Deputy City Clerk/Minute Recorder Jody Kinsey.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Roxanna Brush led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**City Council Minutes: 4/11/23**

- \*\* *Councilperson Grenz moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 11th, 2023, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Regan. Councilmember Grenz asked that discussion regarding him asking the Fire Chief about public assists and what they charge for them be added to the record. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent, 7-0.*
- \*\*\* *The amended motion **passed** by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

**SCHEDULE MEETINGS**

*The following meetings will be held in the City Hall Conference Room:*  
Human Resources 5/3/2023 @5:00pm

**REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ben Hill requested to place a 40' X 8' Conex in the back corner of the parking lot at Bender Park. He felt this was the best location for it since it will not block the view of any fields.

- \*\* *Councilperson Andrews moved to approve allowing Girls Rec League Softball to place a Conex in the back corner of the Bender Park parking lot and seconded by Councilperson Wilcox. The motion **passed** by unanimous consent, 7-0.*

Mark Ahner spoke about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade events. He asked that the city close the streets from 8:00-11:00 am, that they can use the street closed signs. They would like the city to issue them a park use permit and pay for event coverage insurance. They would also like the police to escort the parade. Councilmember Grenz thanked Mr. Ahner for all the years of hard work putting on this event for the community.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**STAFF REPORTS**

Chief Stevens informed council that the department is looking into a new Ambulance billing company. He has met with Pintler and that is the company they are hoping to switch to. Chief Stevens is working with Attorney Rice on the language for billing on blood draws for DUI's. They would charge each agency \$100 per blood draw. The Ambulance would go to the jail to do the blood draws. Those agencies would be billed. He would like to see the money go directly into the capital improvement fund for Ambulance. Chief Colombik stated that the current rate is \$247 for blood draws so it would be a significant saving to the city. Councilmember Grenz asked Chief Stevens about the change in date for the election. Chief Stevens informed him that the county clerks office denied the date chosen for the special election. At the suggestion of Attorney Rice, Chief Stevens sent a letter to the county clerk's office requesting some options for dates. He met with them on Monday and they are supposed to get back to him on when they will allow the city to hold the special election. They are currently saying they still don't have the ability to hold a special election until at least late fall, or January or February. Chief Stevens requested the information last Monday and still has not heard back from them.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilperson Andrews brought up the railroad crossing on Montana street. He asked if the Mayor would consider sending a letter to Transco and ask them to repair it.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

**BID OPENINGS**

None

**BID AWARDS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 1369 (First Reading) – AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 11-77 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY, MONTANA, SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.**

Councilperson Grenz asked what the changes were. It was explained that there is a book that shows just the changes that cost around \$2000. They felt it was not cost effective to purchase those books. The regular ISO code book has all the information. They will just have to find the changes in the new edition. Councilperson Huber asked if this also pertains to the building inspector and Chief Stevens answered that yes it does.

\*\* Councilperson Wilcox moved to approve the ordinance read by title only seconded by Councilperson Andrews. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 7-0.

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 4506 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLACEMENT OF FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS AT ALL INTERSECTIONS BORDERING WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

\*\* Councilperson Huber moved to approve the ordinance read by title only seconded by Councilperson Grenz. The motion passed, 5-2 with Councilpersons Wilcox and Andrews voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37p.m.



John Hollowell, Mayor



Jody Kinsey, Deputy City Clerk