

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING August 8th,
2023**

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 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 Pamela Bovee, Ken Gardner, Rick Huber, Chris Grenz, Kathy Wilcox, Donald Simpson, Matthew Regan, and Dwayne Andrews.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Fire Chief Branden Stevens, Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, Dispatch Director Lyne 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

City Council Minutes: 7/25/2023

** *Councilperson Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 25th, 2023, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Grenz. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

Finance Committee Minutes: 7/13/2023

** *Councilperson Grenz moved to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of July 13th, 2023, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Regan. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

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

Public Safety Committee Meeting	8/10/23 @
5:00pm	
Human Resources Committee Meeting	8/17/23 @
5:00pm	
Budget Committee Meeting	8/10/23 @
10:00am	

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

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Laura Sevier spoke about a facebook post where Dispatch Director Lyne Anderson stated that we do not have an animal shelter. She would like the sign taken down that says animal shelter and she would like the air conditioner removed. She added that Animal Control Officer Winkley needs to be full time animal control with at least one additional full-time helper. She then spoke on a situation where she called dispatch and reported someone else's missing pet. Dispatch informed her the owner of the animal has to make the report even if they are out of town.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Stevens gave an update on the fire department insurance. He contacted the state building inspector in Helena who came down and looked at the building. They came to an agreement that a wall can be built separating the two buildings. They call it a common wall and gave instruction on how to do that.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Grenz asked for discussion on alternative measures for insurance. If it warrants action being taken he would like that on the next council meeting. Deputy Clerk Kinsey informed him that it is already on the agenda and the only reason it wasn't on this meeting was because he had missed the deadline.

Councilperson Wilcox encouraged all council members to attend the budget meeting on the 10th.

Councilperson Grenz asked how much money we still needed to find. Councilperson Wilcox let him know that the budget is currently balanced.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Update from Nathan Bilyeu provided information that shows once a resolution is sent to the people for a ballot election it cannot be retracted. He added that a councilmember made a comment during a public meeting that it will not pass. He reminded council when you are doing city business on public time you have to be very careful what you say that could influence voters.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

BID OPENINGS

None

BID AWARDS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Acceptance of Splash Pad

** Councilperson Gardner moved to refer to accept the Splash Pad, seconded by Councilperson Huber, and passed *unanimously, 8-0.*

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVE A TEMPORARY FUND TRANSFER FROM WATER FUND TO AMBULANCE FUND.

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Councilperson Wilcox moved to approve the temporary fund transfer, seconded by Councilperson Grenz, and, passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 1372 (First Reading) – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING ARTICLE VII “ETHICS” AND ESTABLISHING THE MILES CITY ETHICS COMMITTEE.

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Councilperson Grenz moved to approve the ordinance read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Bovee, and upon roll call vote, passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. ORDINANCE NO. 1373 (First Reading) - AN ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 3-26 THROUGH 3-36 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY REGARDING CITY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING.

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Councilperson Grenz moved to approve the ordinance read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Gardner, and passed unanimously, 8-0.

D. RESOLUTION NO. 4519 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 101, AND PROVIDING FOR HEARING THEREON

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Councilperson Grenz moved to approve the resolution read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Huber, and passed unanimously, 8-0.

E. RESOLUTION NO. 4520 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILES CITY AND THE LOCAL 600 FIRE FIGHTERS UNION.

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Councilperson Grenz moved to approve the resolution read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Andrews.

Councilperson Grenz moved to postpone the resolution until after the budget, seconded by Councilperson Regan.

Mayor Hollowell advised the council to be careful of approving a budget and then going back to the union. It could be considered unfair labor practice. Councilperson Grenz added that the issue is lengthy and he has not had time to go through it.

**** *Motion passed 5-3 with Councilmembers Andrews, Wilcox, and Bovee voting against.*

F. TERMINATE BENDER PARK LEASE

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Councilperson Grenz moved to approve the ordinance read by

*title only, seconded by Councilperson Huber, and, passed
unanimously, 8-0.*

G. APPROVAL OF JULY CLAIMS

****** *Councilperson Grenz moved to approve the ordinance read by
title only, seconded by Councilperson Andrews, and, passed
unanimously, 8-0.*

ADJOURNMENT

****** *Councilperson Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded
by Councilperson Bovee and passed unanimously 8-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59p.m.



John Hollowell, Mayor



Jody Kinsey, Deputy City Clerk