

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING February 27,
2024**

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, February 27, 2024, in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana and online at zoom.us. Council President Dwayne Andrews called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Pamela Bovee, Ed Pulecio, Rick Huber, Trevor Power, Brant Kassner, Kevin Thomason, Don Simpson.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Public Works Director Scott Gray, Interim Fire Chief/Fire Inspector/Captain Ed Kanduch, Police Chief Doug Colombik, and Deputy City Clerk/Minute Recorder Jody Kinsey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Dwayne Andrews led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular City Council Minutes: 02/13/2024

** *Councilperson Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Pulecio. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.*

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

Finance Committee Meeting 3/5/24 @ 5:15pm

Finance Committee Meeting 3/19/24 @ 5:15pm

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

Fire/Ambulance Chief Christopher Neumann

** Councilperson Huber moved to accept appointing Christopher Neumann, and seconded by Councilperson Kassner. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Dispatch Director Anderson announced that two of the dispatchers completed their three-month training program and graduated from the academy. Keelyn Murdoch and Erin Allen are both are now certified dispatchers and passed their testing at the top of their class with 100% on their tests.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Bovee announced that she will be absent for the March 12th Council Meeting.

Councilperson Power said he has been asked about the parking by the One Health building. Director Gray said he will look into it.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Council President Andrews explained the process to appoint a new mayor. The vacancy will be advertised for 30 days. Council will review interest letters and appoint a mayor. John Goff asked how the vacancy will be noticed. He suggested a PSA on the radio and on social media.

Council President Andrews announced that he had already put in 15.5 hours doing Mayor duties as on Tuesday. There is a lot more work than people realize.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. **ORDINANCE NO. 1376 - (Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 1370, SETTING AMBULANCE FEES, SO THAT UPDATED FEES MAY BE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION.**

** Council President Andrews called for proponents and opponents three times. Hearing none the hearing was closed.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 4549 – (Second Reading) A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REVISED AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES FOR MILES CITY, MONTANA.**

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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** Councilperson Huber moved to approve the Ordinance read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Pulecio. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 4549 – (Second Reading) A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REVISED AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES FOR MILES CITY, MONTANA.**

** Councilperson Pulecio moved to approve the Resolution read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Simpson. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

C. APPROVAL OF JANUARY CLAIMS

** Claims were moved to the next meeting so that a member of Finance can review them.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM PROPOSALS.

** Councilperson Kassner moved to refer the phone proposals to the Finance Committee, seconded by Councilperson Thomason, and passed unanimously, 8-0.

B. DISCUSSION ON FISCAL YEAR 24/25 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

Interlocal Agreement was discussed.

C. APPROVE BUILDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR MILES CITY FIRE & RESCUE BUILDING PROJECT.

** Councilperson Pulecio moved to approve recommendation, seconded by Councilperson Kassner, and passed unanimously, 8-0.

D. RESOLUTION NO. 4552 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SERVICE ORDER BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILES CITY AND JGA ARCHITECTS PERTAINING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CITY FIRE HALL AND AMBULANCE FACILITY.

** Councilperson Pulecio moved to approve the resolution read by title only, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, and passed unanimously, 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

** Councilperson Kassner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.


Dwayne Andrews, Council President Jody Kinsey, Deputy City Clerk