

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING March 26,  
2024**

**6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, March 26th, 2024, 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 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, Fire/Ambulance Chief Christopher Neumann, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Building Inspector Gabe Martinsen, 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**

None

**SCHEDULE MEETINGS**

Finance Committee Meeting                      4/2/24 @ 5:15pm  
City County Meeting @ City Hall              4/18/24 @ 5:30pm

**REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Morlock 313 Arrowhead gave a presentation on behalf of Keep Miles City Beautiful. She informed the Council about the history of the Stacy Fountain in Wibaux Park. She shared that Pierre Wibaux included \$10,000 for the purchase of land for a city park in his will when he passed in 1913. The value of the park land today is \$313,460.00. In 1915 Lorenzo Stacy sold the land for Wibaux Park at a reduced price with the condition that the city would erect and maintain a fountain in memory of his daughter Florence who passed away in 1913. The fountain was installed in 1916 and it was 100 years later that the fountain was disassembled due to disrepair. There have been fundraising efforts to rebuild the fountain which have included the sale of bricks and benches for Wibaux Park. Lily Cruise 17 S Merriam and Ann Kroger 602 S Strevell both spoke in favor of the Stacy Fountain and getting it built back in the park.

John Goff 249 Sunset came to speak on behalf of MCII about the Oasis. He wanted to give Dwayne Andrews credit for looking for resources for funding. MCII held their annual meeting and were asked to help with funding to open the Oasis in June. John took information requested over to the commissioners to see if they would be willing to help with funding. The commissioners agreed to pay \$7,500 towards the Oasis and MCII will pay \$5,500. MCII is asking for permission to paint a mural of their black license plate on the north wall of the building at the Oasis. They will be keeping it painted over the years. This will be a one-time donation from both MCII and the commissioners. Jenny Losey 110 Neu Vu added that they are working with Grid United to get funding for an art walk. They have already reached out to Micki at the Bison Bar who is interested in a mural on her building. Dwayne Andrews thanked them for their work in helping the community.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**STAFF REPORTS**

None

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Interim Mayor Andrews had heard that the Finance Committee was unable to decide on the phone system. He told Councilperson Huber as the chair of that committee is his responsibility to make sure the recommendation gets to council. Councilpersons Bovee and Simpson informed Interim Mayor Andrews that they needed more information and they would have the recommendation before the next council meeting.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 1377 - (Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-26 PERTAINING TO APPENDICIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE.**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 1377 - (Second Reading) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-26 PERTAINING TO APPENDICIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE.**

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

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 4553 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RONALD L. ASKIN DRILLING AND THE CITY OF MILES CITY FOR THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR FIRE AND EMS STORAGE AND USE.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

  
Dwayne Andrews, Council President

  
Jody Kinsey, Deputy City Clerk