REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING April 09, 2024
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana and online at zoom.us. Mayor Dwayne Andrews called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Pam Bovee, Ed Pulecio, Rick Huber, Trevor Power, Brant Kassner, Kevin Thomason, and Don Simpson.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Fire Chief Christopher Neumann, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Dispatch Director Lyne Anderson, Library Director Sarah Peterson, Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, and City Clerk/Minute Recorder Mary Rowe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting 03/26/2024

** *Councilperson Simpson moved to approve the minutes, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Kassner, and **passed unanimously, 8-0.***

B. Human Resources Committee Meeting 03/21/2024

** *Councilperson Bovee moved to approve the minutes, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Power, and **passed unanimously, 8-0.***

C. Finance Committee Meeting 03/22/2024

** *Councilperson Simpson moved to approve the minutes, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Kassner, and **passed unanimously, 8-0.***

D. Finance Committee Meeting 04/02/2024

** *Councilperson Pulecio moved to approve the minutes, subject to any changes, and seconded by Councilperson Simpson, and **passed unanimously, 8-0.***

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

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

Finance Committee Meeting	4/22/24 5:15 PM
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Finance Committee Meeting	4/29/24 5:15 PM
Human Resources Committee Meeting	4/11/24 5:15 PM

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Tribby requested permission to paint pickleball lines on four of the tennis courts. He noted that it would not impede on the current tennis courts and that the same paint would be used as the tennis court lines. It was also stated that they will cover the labor and supply costs of painting and maintaining the court lines. Part of the maintenance would be to lower the nets 2-3 inches lower than the current tennis nets, not causing any damage it would be temporary. His final request was to have the city hold the funds for the paint/maintenance. It was discussed that the tennis teams will get priority over the courts and there will be a sign stating so.

** *Councilmember Pulecio moved to approve the request to hold the funds in our tennis court account and to approve the painting request, seconded by Councilmember Simpson. The motion* ***passed, by unanimous consent, 8-0.***

Christopher Grenz, 506 Mississippi, said he is concerned about City financials and presented a handout showing cash reserves for the last 10 years. He recognized the TSEP and SLFRF program funds and noted that the city has over $600,000 in loans. He also noted the high increases for the unions, that he was a part of. He is concerned about where we will find money.

Mark Ahner, 13 S. Stacy, stated that he had been on Council for twelve years, many of which were under Chris Grenz. He stated that there was a $350,000 deficit at that time. He said there were misappropriation of funds between water and general fund, along with discrepancies between employees and management. He stated that he came up with about one million dollars in reserves by the end of his twelve years along with many other improvements. He noted that Chris Grenz has been a council member and former mayor and asked that be considered during the interim appointment.

Keith Anderson, 1103 N. 2nd, explained that the dike road between 1st and 3rd is being used as a racetrack and he is finding drug paraphernalia in his yard. He is requesting that the city block off a portion of the dike with cement barriers, closing it off to motorized vehicles. He even volunteered to pay for the barriers and the installation.

Regina Kraddock, 1211 N. 3rd, stated that both she and her husband have addressed council a long time ago. The original plat has a perpetual right of way easement for City, County and Army Corp. of engineers. Director Malenovsky did show ownership of the property, but said she would look into it further. Mark Ahner explained that there was a speed limit determined on all city roads, including the dike.

APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board Member – Brandon Birkeland

** *Councilmember Kassner moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Councilmember Pulecio, and* ***passed unanimously, 8-0.***

STAFF REPORTS

Director Anderson announced that April 14th-20th is National Telecommunications week.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Andrews informed council that he asked for $13,000 to fund the oasis. John Laney with the chamber of commerce agreed. MCI² has agreed to fund the remaining funds. He also went to the Commissioners and they agreed to $7,500.

Director Gray thanked everyone involved for funding the full season for all pools for another year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Finance Committee Recommends contracting with Range for telephone services.

Clerk Rowe explained that we are awaiting a contract from Range Telephone before terminating Midrivers contract.

BID OPENINGS

Southgate Water Tank Rehabilitation

Received 5 bids as follows:

1. Carr Coatings – bid bond present - $315,850
2. Pittsburgh Tank and Tower Maintenance – bond present - $655,905
3. Viking Painting, LLC – bond present - $346,050

4. Mcguire Iron (S. Dakota) – bond present - $385,000
5. Mcguire Iron (Minnesota) – bond present - $385,000

Councilmember Huber asked if any of them had done work for the city before, to which Director Speelmon answered yes, both Mcguire Iron and Pittsburgh Tank have.

The bids were referred to Finance – Tom will send bids to engineers.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **ACCEPT MONETARY DONATION FROM MCI² IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,500 AND ACCEPT MURAL &/or SIGNAGE ON NORTH FACING WALL OF OASIS BUILDING.**

** *Councilperson Kassner moved to accept donation, seconded by Councilperson Simpson. The motion **passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.***

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 4556 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILE CITY AND JACKSON CONTRACTING GROUP, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER SERVICES OVERSEEING CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MCFD FIRE AND AMBULANCE FACILITY.**

** *Councilperson Pulecio moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Kassner. The motion **passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.***

C. **RESOLUTION NO. 4555 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION III, PARTS A & B OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILES CITY AND THE COUNTY OF CUSTER TO COOPERATE IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.**

** *Councilperson Pulecio moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Simpson. The motion **passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.***

D. **APPROVE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTEE AND THREE AT LARGE MEMBERS TO THE HEALTH BOARD.**

** *Councilmember Pulecio moved to appoint members to the Health Board, seconded by Councilmember Simpson and **passed unanimously, 8-0.***

** *Councilmember Huber moved to appoint Donna Faber as the City*

Council appointee, seconded by Councilmember Pulecio and passed 8-0.

** *Councilmember Kassner moved to appoint Amy Tooke, Jody Menyhart, and Amber Trenka as the three joint at large members of the Health Board, seconded by Councilmember Simpson and* ***passed unanimously, 8-0.***

E. **APPROVAL OF MARCH CLAIMS**

** *Councilperson Kassner moved to approve the claims, seconded by Councilperson Pulecio. The motion* ***passed by unanimous consent, 8-0.***

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Dwayne Andrews, Council President	**Mary Rowe, City Clerk**