

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **March 12, 2024** **6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council meeting was held Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 17 S. 8th Street, Miles City, Montana and online at zoom.us. City Clerk Mary Rowe called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Ed Pulecio, Rick Huber, Trevor Power, Brant Kassner, and Kevin Thomason. Council Member Don Simpson arrived at 6:13pm.

Also present were City Attorney Dan Rice, Fire Chief Christopher Neumann, Police Captain Dustin Sloan, Building Inspector Gabe Martinsen, Floodplain Administrator Samantha Malenovsky, Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, Library Director Sarah Peterson, and City Clerk/Minute Recorder Mary Rowe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

****** *Councilmember Power nominated Councilmember Kassner to run the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Pulecio and passed, 3-2, with Kassner and Huber voting no.*

Councilmember Kassner took over meeting.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular City Council Meeting 02/14/2023

****** *Councilmember Pulecio moved to approve read by title only, seconded by Councilmember Thomason, and **passed unanimously, 5-0.***

Finance Committee Meeting 03/05/2024

****** *Councilmember Huber moved to approve, read by title only, seconded by Councilmember Pulecio, and **passed unanimously, 5-0.***

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

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

Human Resources Committee Meeting 3/21/24 @ 5:00pm

REQUEST OF CITIZENS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Morlock, 313 Arrowhead, Keep Miles City Beautiful, thanked council for this process and keeping citizens informed. She gave a brief history of the Stacy

Fountain in Wibaux Park and asked to be added to the next Council agenda to share the complete history.

Bobbi Askin, 406 S. Jordan, explained that she had attended a cleaning up Miles City meeting where 26 people had attended. They plan to go to waste management meetings to help with disposal like vouchers and equipment to assist with appliances. They are setting up groups of people to help clean up people's properties, with permission of property owner. They also discussed implanting stiffer fines because it is such a long process. She would like to see the City Ordinance changed to address specific things like pallet fences, large metal containers, sheds, and motor homes. The next "Operation cleanup" meeting will be on the 25th at 6:30pm in room 106 at the Miles Community College.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Malenovsky gave an update on the community rating system (CRS) and program for public information (PPI). With our current class average insurance costs are \$524, which is down \$167 from last year.

Director Peterson explained the library is assisting with voter registration. They are applying for a \$10,000 grant from the American Library Association for push button front doors. She also noted that insurance has not come thru for the roof issue yet but that they are waiting on an MDU grant.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Huber requested that Director Malenovsky's staff report be included in the next Council packet.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Clerk Rowe read the mayor's comments aloud to Council.

**CUSTER COUNTY
COWBOYS & COWGIRLS**

- Bond review for Am/ Fire Hall
- Council member no access to water Dept
- surgery out 3 days last week
- Growth Policy under contract
- touched base w/ city hall employees
- meet w Co. Commissioners bi-weekly
- 1st draft Interlocal Agreement done & sent
- 1st draft CWSA Agreement done & sent

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF JANUARY CLAIMS

****** *Councilperson Simpson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilperson Thomason, and **passed unanimously, 6-0.***

NEW BUSINESS

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

Attorney Rice explained that this is bookkeeping that brings us up to code with the state.

****** *Councilperson Thomason moved to approve the Ordinance, read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Simpson, and **passed unanimously, 6-0.***

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 Huber moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Simpson, and **passed unanimously, 6-0.***

C. RESOLUTION NO. 4554 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSENT ORDER WITH THE MONTANA DEQ.

****** *Councilperson Simpson moved to approve the Resolution, read by title only, and seconded by Councilperson Huber, and **passed unanimously, 6-0.***

D. APPROVE SENDING PAST DUE AMBULANCE PATIENT ACCOUNTS TO COLLECTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,524.96.

****** *Councilperson Pulecio moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Power, and **passed unanimously, 6-0.***

E. APPROVE WRITING OFF DECEASED AMBULANCE PATIENT ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,433.18.

****** *Councilperson Pulecio moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson*

*Simpson, and **passed unanimously, 6-0.***

F. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY CLAIMS

****** *Councilperson Pulecio moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Thomason, and **passed unanimously, 6-0.***

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Brant Kassner, Council Member

Mary Rowe, City Clerk