



CITY OF MILES CITY

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

July 08, 2025 at 6:00 PM

City Council Chambers and online at zoom.us

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Mayor Andrews

PRESENT

Councilmember Rick Huber
Councilmember Brant Kassner
Councilmember Kevin Thomason
Councilmember Don Simpson
Councilmember Dan Scott
Councilmember Brooke Bartholomew

ABSENT

Councilmember Ed Pulecio
Councilmember Sherwood McKay

ALSO PRESENT

Interim Fire Chief Ed Kanduch, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Human Resources Officer Mara Lovett, Treasurer Melissa Moua and City Clerk/Minute Recorder Mary Rowe.

1. REQUEST OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. JIM ATCHISON WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A BRIEF PRESENTATION AND A SURVEY HANDOUT ON THE SEMDC MEMBERSHIP BOARD.

2. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES/COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Regular City Council Meeting 0624 2025

Motion made by Councilmember Thomason, Seconded by Councilmember Kassner.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Kassner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

3. SCHEDULE MEETINGS

4. STAFF REPORTS & OTHER COMMITTEE MINUTES

Police Chief Colombik introduced Officer Michael Nord who joined the MCPD officially on June 11th 2025. Nord has been in MC for 5 years and Valley Farmers for 4 years.

Interim Fire Chief Kanduch gave report that this has been a busy week for the Fire Department with an example of 30 calls in just 2 days. MCFD is still ahead of last year.

City Treasurer Moua gave report she went over cash reconciliation with \$293,412.00 in errors that she has corrected as well as over \$2,000,000.00 in taxes.

A. TIFD MINUTES 2025 0620

B. Airport Commission Minutes 2025 0609

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

6. MAYOR COMMENTS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVE RESPONSE LETTER TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILES CITY AND CUSTER COUNTY.

Motion made by Councilmember Kassner to amend the response letter to a 3 year option of \$200K, \$250K, \$300K with a 2 week response deadline, then a 90-day termination letter. Seconded by Councilmember Scott.

Councilmember Kassner would like the new response letter drafted tomorrow. A discussion amongst the Council ensued about the costs. Councilperson Huber would like to see a 1 year only and stop services 90 days after no response due to the lack of response from County Commissioners already, he also asked the Interim Fire Chief for clarification if \$300K is the cost to which Interim Fire Chief agreed on that costs. Councilperson Simpson agrees to all 4 options that were discussed. Councilperson Thomason is concerned that the \$200K may not fully cover ambulance service costs. Interim Fire Chief stated that the \$300K was a rough cost, the Council proposed \$250K, then the Commissioners came back at \$200K or would agree to the \$300K and dictate the call responses. He recommends sending a response letter of 1 option only. Mayor Andrews decided that upon hearing all of the Councilmembers individual opinions of what they would like the Interlocal Agreement to be he recommended to Council to draft a response letter with a 3 year agreement of \$200,000.00 last year, \$250,000.00 this year and \$300,000.00 next year with a 2 week deadline to respond. If no response then a 90 day termination letter will be sent. All Councilmember were in agreement with this decision.

Doug Askin, no address given asked what would happen to his father who lives in the County, if he will not receive ambulance services. Mayor Andrews advised him to call the County Commissioners with that question.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Kassner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

B. APPROVE AWARDING TIFD GRANT TO TOM CLARK PROPERTIES WITH AN INCREASE THE FROM \$4650.00 TO \$5388.00.

Motion made by Councilmember Kassner, Seconded by Councilmember Thomason.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Kassner, Councilmember Thomason,
Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

Councilmember Huber need to clarify the reason for the increase for the TIFD award, to which
Councilperson Scott answered that the increase is the 75% of the actual cost.

C. APPROVE SWITCHING TO SIMPLY VERIFIED FOR NEW HIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS.

Motion made by Councilmember Huber, Seconded by Councilmember Simpson.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Kassner, Councilmember Thomason,
Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

Human Resources Officer Lovett gave an overview of the costs of the current background
company being utilized and it is a monthly fee as to where she is wanting to switch to a
background check company that only requires payment as you request a background check.

**D. RESOLUTION NO. 4623 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF MILES CITY AND SDI ARCHITECTS & DESIGN FOR SERVICES RELATED TO
THE REPAIRS OF THE CONNORS STADIUM GRANDSTANDS.**

Motion made by Councilmember Kassner, Seconded by Councilmember Bartholomew.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Kassner, Councilmember Thomason,
Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

E. APPROVE CITY TREASURER JOB DESCRIPTION

Motion made by Councilmember Kassner, Seconded by Councilmember Thomason.

Councilperson Simpson asked why he have not had another HR meeting to look over this
position description. Councilperson Huber stated he was in attendance at that HR
meeting. City Clerk Rowe went over the wage breakdown for the Councilmembers.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Kassner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson,
Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

Voting Nay: Councilmember Huber

**F. APPROVE OWNER PROVIDED/OWNER FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT (FFE)
BUDGET FOR THE MILES CITY FIRE RESCUE FACILITY.**

This item has been moved to Item F under NEW BUSINESS.

City Clerk Rowe explained the sheet differentials. Councilperson Kassner requests to remove
the flagpole from budget and that the then Chief Stevens stated to the people that the training
center wouldn't be part of the cost and that firefighters will not be on the clock. Interim Fire
Chief Kanduch said not a good idea to remove the Flagpole.

Doug Askin, no address given wanted to know what happens when something fails because
the firemen did it and not a contractor.

Motion made by Councilmember Kassner, Seconded by Councilmember Thomason.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Kassner, Councilmember Thomason,
Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

9. ADJOURNMENT

Public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of this meeting can be presented
under Request of Citizens, provided it is within the jurisdiction of the City to address. Public
comment will be entered into the minutes of this meeting. The City Council cannot take any action
on a matter unless notice of the matter has been made on an agenda and an opportunity for public
comment has been allowed on the matter. Public matter does not include contested cases and

other adjudicative proceedings

Motion made by Councilmember Huber, Seconded by Councilmember Scott.

Mayor Andrews adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Kassner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew