



CITY OF MILES CITY

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

November 25, 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

Councilmember Ed Pulecio
Councilmember Rick Huber
Councilmember Brant Kassner
Councilmember Kevin Thomason
Councilmember Dan Scott
Councilmember Brooke Bartholomew

ABSENT

Mayor Dwayne Andrews
Councilmember Don Simpson

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Dan Rice, Public Works Director Samantha Malenovsky, Interim Fire Chief Eddy Kanduch, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Building Inspector Gabe Martinsen, Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder Tamara Ellsworth

1. REQUEST OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. BERNADETTE MILLER MANAGER OF MILES CITY FARMERS MARKET IS WANTING A WAIVER OF PARK FEES FOR THE USE OF RIVERSIDE PARK.

Council President Kassner moved to change the order of agenda Item 12.A New Business to the beginning of the meeting.

Bernadette Miller via speakerphone addressed Council that the Farmers Market is a non-profit organization and they do not have the funds to pay the Park Permit fee according to the Miles City Park Use/Permits Policy as they would have to pay a fee every time they used the Riverside Park and the Farmers market is there every weekend for the period of the summer into the fall months. She is asking the Council to accept the waiver of fees. Councilmember Pulecio inquired to what the park permit fees are and the Public Works Director Malenovsky explained that the policy has a fee upon how many people would be using the park, due to the amount of people being over 50 people the fee is high and that would be for every use since there is no event fee put into place. Cody Steiner inquired if the Farmers Market can be approved for a fee waiver then would that mean the Car show that uses the Riverside Park be able to have a waiver as well. Jeni Losey, 110 Neu Vie suggested to Council that an adjustment to the Parks Policy should be done for certain criteria as this and have a flat base rate fee for events that would be used at the parks. City Attorney Rice agreed with Jeni Losey's suggestion and the the City will be looking into changing their Parks use/permits

Policy for events and for non-profit organizations to just have to pay a one time fee and explained to Bernadette Miller would we would be doing. Public Works Director Malenovsky will get in touch with Bernadette Miller.

Motion made by Councilmember Pulecio to table the approval and take to staff to update the Parks use/permits Policy, Seconded by Councilmember Bartholomew.

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

- B. Spencer Haynes would like to make public comment on the trash receptacle areas on commercial business areas not having the proper coverage to contain trash.

2. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES/COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Regular City Council Meeting 11/10/2025

Motion made by Councilmember Thomason, Seconded by Councilmember Pulecio.

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

- B. Approve Public Service Meeting minutes 2025 1118

Motion made by Councilmember Scott, Seconded by Councilmember Thomason.

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

3. SCHEDULE MEETINGS

Council President Kassner asked if Council would like to reschedule the December 23rd 2025 Council meeting or to just cancel the meeting entirely.

Motion made by Councilmember Pulecio to cancel the 12-23-2025 Council meeting, Seconded by Councilmember Scott.

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

4. STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Malenovsky reported that Councilperson Huber had brought to her attention that the One Health has painted on the street along side their building on 6th street a blue handi-cap symbol. She has reached out to Matt Reagan the owner of the building and he has no knowledge as to who painted this symbol. She explained to Mr. Reagan this is not allowed nor enforceable and will need to come to a meeting to make his request of handi-cap signage for his business. Public Works Director Malenovsky announced that the City of Miles City has been awarded a \$40K Grant to go towards the storm water system in Miles City MT. She let the council know that this will allow some research to go into why there are areas in Miles City that the drainage systems are not draining properly during heavy rainfall. Councilperson Huber asked if there is a match and would would that amount be. Director Malenovsky would need to look at the paperwork to answer that.

Interim Fire Chief Kanduch announced this year's Toy Dance will be taking place on Dec 14th at the Event Center and that so far there are 370 kids that are being helped by this event.

Police Chief gave a handout of the November 2025 report for the Police Department

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

6. VACANCY INTERVIEWS

A.

Councilperson Huber motioned to open the Vacancy Interviews, Seconded by Councilperson Pulecio.

Jeni Losey, 110 Neu-Vu gave her opening statement to Council addressing the many non-profit work she has done within the Miles City community. She has been coming to the Council meetings consistently and has learned about local government and the Council duties by doing so. She listed the many boards that she is on and the leadership qualities that she can bring to the table. She stated that she has listened to what the community needs and wants are by serving on those many boards and would like the opportunity to serve on the Council to help the city and the residents.

Allen Kelm, 511 S Cottage gave his opening statement to Council by giving work history with the City of Miles City and that he has worked with Council many times during his positions at the City. He feels he can bring experience and instructional knowledge to the Council if he were given the opportunity. He also gave a history of the boards that he is currently on. He also stated that his reason for applying for the Council is to work with other City leaders to move the City forward to make a better community for our youth and careers to support families.

Chris Grenz stated to Council that he has had the opportunity to work with Allen Kelm and confirmed that Allen's knowledge of the City would make a great addition to the Council.

Candidates were asked interview questions by the Council.

Councilperson Huber motioned to nominate Allen Kelm, Seconded by Councilperson Thomason. On a roll call vote motion failed 3 to 3.

Voting Yea: Councilperson Thomason, Councilperson Huber and Councilperson Pulecio.

Voting Nay: Councilperson Bartholomew, Councilperson Scott and Councilperson Kassner.

Councilperson Bartholomew motioned to nominate Jeni Losey, Seconded by Councilperson Scott. On a roll call vote motion failed 3 to 3.

Voting Yea: Councilperson Bartholomew, Councilperson Scott and Councilperson Kassner.

Voting Nay: Councilperson Huber, Councilperson Thomason and Councilperson Pulecio.

Motion made by Councilmember Thomason to table the Vacancy Interview and nomination to Dec 9th 2025 Council meeting, so Councilperson Simpson can interview, ask questions and vote, Seconded by Councilmember Bartholomew.

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

7. MAYOR COMMENTS

8. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

9. BID AWARDS

A. CONNORS STADIUM ROOF

Council President Kassner postponed bid award as with new information from the Public Works Director this will need to be reviewed by the Finance Committee at the Dec 3rd, 2025 Finance meeting.

Public Works Director Malenovsky stated the department is short finding funds to match the \$30K has been working with the City Clerk to find funds.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 1400 - *(second reading)* AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-61 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF MILES CITY, MONTANA, ADOPTING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE AND FUEL GAS CODE.**

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

12. NEW BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 4655 - A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO §7-6-4006 OF THE MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FY 2025-2026 TO INCREASE THE BUDGETED AMOUNT IN VARIOUS FUNDS FOR VARIOUS UNBUDGETED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.**

Motion made by Councilmember Bartholomew to table vote and to submit to the Finance Committee for further review and explanation of unbudgeted revenues and expenditures, Seconded by Councilmember Pulecio.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Kassner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

13. 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 Thomason, Seconded by Councilmember Pulecio.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Kassner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

Council President Kassner adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm