



CITY OF MILES CITY

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026 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 Jeni Losey
Councilmember Cody Steiner
Councilmember Kevin Thomason
Councilmember Brooke Bartholomew
Mayor Chris Grenz

ABSENT

Councilmember Dan Scott
Councilmember Don Simpson

ALSO PRESENT: Public Utilities Director Tom Speelmon, Dispatch Director Lyne Anderson, Interim Fire Chief Ed Kanduch, City Treasurer Melissa Moua, RSVP Director Cindy Erickson, via Zoom Police Chief Doug Colombik, via Zoom City Planner Joel Nelson and Deputy Clerk/Minute Recorder Tamara Ellsworth.

1. REQUEST OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Bromfield asked permission to place benches along the side of the Montana Bar just for the Bucking Horse sale week.

Jake Richards with the Miles City Fire and Rescue addressed the Council with concerns about the state of Miles City. There is much talk of the city being in the red and the city should look into raising taxes.

Craig Dalakow made a suggestion of combining the Police and Fire Department to be in the new building that is under way.

Mayor Grenz commented that the city can have so many mill levies and agrees that we are in need of this.

Chairperson Bartholomew has been discussing with the City Attorney Rice about placing a Public Safety Mill on this years ballot.

A. Approve 4th of July Committee Requests of the following four items:

- 1- City covered Insurance
- 2- City provided road barricades and Road Closure
- 3- Police Escort for Parade
- 4- City Provided Park Permit with Waived Fees

Motion made by Councilmember Pulecio, Seconded by Councilmember Bartholomew.

Motion to postpone as the Council is needing more information in regards to the waived fees at the Park, Will Hubbell was not available at the meeting to answer any questions they have.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Losey, Councilmember Steiner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Bartholomew, Councilmember Simpson

2. SCHEDULE MEETINGS

3. APPOINTMENTS

A. BOARD OF APPEALS - STEVE PALMERI

Motion made by Councilmember Thomason, Seconded by Councilmember Losey.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Losey, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Bartholomew

Voting Nay: Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Steiner

4. STAFF REPORTS & OTHER COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. Public Utilities Staff Report

B. MCPD APRIL 2026 REPORT

Chief Colombik explained the acronyms and gave the full description of each one asked.

Councilperson Steiner inquired about citizens patrol and if the Police still allow that. Chief Colombik answered due to the liability issues it was deemed no longer a good idea.

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

6. MAYOR COMMENTS

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. APPROVE RESOLUTION 4682 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE CITY VIEW SUBDIVISION, GRANTING A VARIANCE TO THE MILES CITY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VARIANCE REQUEST.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review and Recommend Business License Ordinance Revisions

Motion made by Councilmember Bartholomew to postpone to another meeting, Seconded by Councilmember Losey.

Chairperson Bartholomew advised council that at the finance meeting revisions were outlined and the fees would be allocated as a cost recovery program. Treasurer Moua explained the need for a Code Enforcement Officer and also the need for the city to set a standard for businesses and to make sure they are compliant. Mayor Grenz thanked Treasure Moua for the work and effort she has put into the business licenses and assessing the proper fees for businesses.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Losey, Councilmember Steiner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Bartholomew

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 4682 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE CITY VIEW SUBDIVISION, GRANTING A VARIANCE TO THE MILES CITY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VARIANCE REQUEST.

Motion made by Councilmember Thomason to open for discussion, Seconded by Councilmember Losey.

Kelly Moore the Pastor at the Church residing along the subdivision inquired about the placement of the No parking signs along the street as many of his congregation park along that street.

City Planner Nelson explained City View Subdivision has requirements that need to be met and this resolution would be granting those variances in order for the requirements to be met.

Councilperson Steiner stated that this subdivision was started in year 2022 and now we are granting another extension, he feels there may have been mismanagement in this area and the works just need to get done.

Motion made by Councilmember Losey to postpone this item and move to the next agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Pulecio.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Losey, Councilmember Steiner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Bartholomew

B. RESOLUTION NO. 4683 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FOURTH AMENDED SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT FOR CITY VIEW SUBDIVISION, ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS, AND A PARTIAL RELEASE OF FUNDS.

Motion made by Councilmember Losey to postpone this time to the next agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Pulecio.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Losey, Councilmember Steiner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Bartholomew

C. RESOLUTION NO. 4684 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILES CITY AND SIMPLICITY CONSULTING ENGINEERING & DESIGN, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING SPECIFICATIONS, BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND ADMINISTERING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ROOF TOP HEATING UNITS AT THE CITY'S EXISTING WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Motion made by Councilmember Thomason, Seconded by Councilmember Huber.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Losey,
Councilmember Steiner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Bartholomew

D. RESOLUTION NO. 4685 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER WITH JACKSON CONTRACTOR GROUP, INC. RELATED TO THE MILES CITY FIRE HALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Motion made by Councilmember Huber, Seconded by Councilmember Thomason.

Amy Lesh with Jackson Contractor Group let council know this change order is for the concrete fill and that Top Gun can get this area filled in faster than the city crew.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Losey,
Councilmember Steiner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Bartholomew

E. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMENDS REPLACING ENGINE 9 ENGINE WITH A REMANUFACTURED ENGINE FROM BRUSH TRUCKING.

Motion made by Councilmember Huber, Seconded by Councilmember Thomason.

Council discussed amongst each other if this would be the best option for Engine 9. Councilperson Huber let council know that Bills Truck service would not put the engine in only would provide the parts. Councilperson Pulecio gave his reason for the Nay vote due to this apparatus has been not working for 2 years and feels it is not worth it.

Interim Chief Kanduch and firefighter Richards gave the details of the funds already poured into this engine and feels the best option would be to put those funds towards a newer engine.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Losey, Councilmember Steiner,
Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Bartholomew

Voting Nay: Councilmember Pulecio

10. 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 Bartholomew.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Losey,
Councilmember Steiner, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Bartholomew