



CITY OF MILES CITY

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM

City Council Chambers and online at zoom.us

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Dwayne Andrews
Councilmember Ed Pulecio
Councilmember Rick Huber
Councilmember Brant Kassner
Councilmember Kevin Thomason
Councilmember Sherwood McKay
Councilmember Dan Scott
Councilmember Brooke Bartholomew

ABSENT

Councilmember Don Simpson

ALSO PRESENT

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

1. REQUEST OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

2. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES/COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF 2025 1014

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

3. SCHEDULE MEETINGS

4. APPOINTMENTS

A. Library Board Member ~ Wendy Dickman

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

5. STAFF REPORTS

A. Police Department

Police Chief Colombik reported to Council that the MCPD vehicles will be up and running. Councilperson McKay needed clarification on the Fraud calls that are on the report. Police Chief Colombik explained what types of fraud calls that happen and how they are trying to help the citizens with those. Councilperson Huber gave thanks to the Police Chief and the officers for cleaning up the streets of Miles City with getting abandoned vehicles moved. Spencer Haynes, Mizpah Ave also thanked the Police Chief Colombik and wanted to know if this will be an ongoing effort. Police Chief Colombik stated that the police department will be continuing this clean-up process actively.

B. Fire Department

Interim Fire Chief Kanduch gave an update on the 2 new hired employees that are wrapping up with their training and should be on schedule soon. He gave an overview of the new Fire and Rescue building status, Councilperson Bartholomew asked if there are blueprints and if so she would like to take a look at those. Councilmember Huber asked Interim Fire Chief to explain what is wrong with Engine 9. Interim Fire Chief Kanduch gave detailed explanation of mechanical problems with Engine 9 and an estimate of what the costs would be and a possible auction of Engine 9.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

7. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Andrews thanked the Council for the time and effort they are giving to the City of Miles City.

8. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND UPDATE ON BOUNDARY RETRACEMENT FOR WILDERNESS AREA/HONDA TRAILS (plats will be available to review at meeting).

Corey Wilhelm gave a brief overview of the Boundary Retracement for the wilderness area/Honda trails and explained this is due to some Landowners not knowing the boundaries of property owned by the City of Miles City in this area. Councilperson Huber wanted clarification if this was a park as it was stated by Corey Wilhelm, which he retracted as this is not a park but land property. Public Works Director Malenovsky explained that the reason for this Boundary Retracement is due to residents living along this area are erecting fences that are on City property and needed to give clarification to those residents what is owned by the City and where those boundary lines are. City Attorney Rice stated that this is just for review

for the Council and to give them the information to stay in the know.

B. APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 1400 - (first 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.

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

C. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO 4650 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE MILES CITY FLOODPLAIN AND FLOODWAY.

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

Public Works Director Malenovsky gave a brief overview of the revisions and explained that every 5 years this is to be updated. There were only changes to the names of the board and due to FEMA the insurance did not get updated.

D. APPROVE THE NEW SIGNAGE PROPOSAL AND PLACEMENT IN MILES CITY, MT

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

Kelsey Merritt, SDI Architects and Design via zoom gave information as to where the Welcome and the Flood History signage placement would be and the sizes of the signs. She also stated that she is actively seeking grants for this and is just needing approval from Council for the placements before applying.

E. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 4651 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY APPROVING "PRIME CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER #004" WITH JACKSON CONTRACTOR GROUP, INC., RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MCFR BUILDING

Councilperson Pulecio asked the City Attorney Rice if he needs to excuse himself from this agenda item as it may be a conflict of interest, City Attorney Rice agreed.

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

Councilperson McKay asked for clarification on this change order. Amy Lesh with Jackson Contractor Group, stated that at the time of the bid Jackson Contractor Group carried allowances for unforeseen expenses, this is a zero dollar change order which is able to stay at no costs due to the allowances on the orders included in exhibit "A" and all of these carried over allowances will be allocated to add flooring to the new build. Councilperson Huber asked Interim Fire Chief about the polished cement that was to be the flooring and why the change. Interim Fire Chief explained that due to the budget constraints at time of bidding that was the initial plan for the flooring and gave a detailed explanation of the slopes due to the drainage and the costs it would take to level would exceed the budgeted amount.

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

Mayor Andrews adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.