

MILES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Miles City Council met in regular session on March 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Miles City Hall, opening with a public hearing on the 2016-2017 Budget. Council members present were: Tim Volquardsen, Dale Cassaday, Jennifer Machande, Kristi Melvin, and Jesse Speer. Mayor Mike Portz presided.

Mayor Portz opened the public hearing for the purpose of citizens' comments on the Budget 2016-2017. There being no citizens present or any verbal or written opposition, a motion on the floor by Melvin and seconded by Cassaday to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Delegates: Dave Heiar, JCEA; Eldon Schneider and Jim Bousley, IIW.

Dave Heiar explained how the Jackson County Economic Alliance can help with housing concerns.

Eldon Schneider explained the DNR concerns for the floodplain. There are 3 options to move forward with the WWTF Facility Plan.

Motion by Volquardsen and seconded by Speer to dispense with reading of the minutes. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Speer to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The police report was presented. There were 82 contact hours made during February. There were several break-ins during the month. The options for charges for barking dogs was discussed. Motion made by Speer, seconded by Volquardsen to approve the police report. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Councilmember Melvin exited the meeting for an ambulance call at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Cassaday to approve the Finance Report. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Speer and seconded by Cassaday to approve all bills. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor's report: 1) ECIA Personnel Policy training 2) Jackson County Area Tourism Minutes, Agenda and Director's Report. 3) January sewer report. 4) MediaCom. 5) Jackson County Municipal League, Crime Stoppers, and Joint Emergency Commission – Agenda, Minutes, Financial Report. 6) Delta 3 Engineering. 7) Waste Authority of Jackson County Minutes. 8) HomeServe.

Melvin re-entered meeting.

PAC for Kids wants to have a Color Run on Saturday May 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.. This will be a 2 mile run. The council tabled until the April meeting, when insurance papers will be available.

Building and maintenance concerns. 1) There has been a sharp increase in the water and sewer usage. Homeowners need to look for leaks. 2) New locks have been ordered for the wells, shop, and sewer.

Clerks' Report: 1) The newsletter will be mailed with the April bills. Dates were set for dumpster (May 2-9) and water main flushing (May 4-5). 2) The Miles Legion will be using City Hall on March 19 for a meeting.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Speer to reevaluate the flood elevation model, as required by the DNR for the WWTF Facility Plan. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The police contract was reviewed. The police will research wording on responsibilities, and it will be discussed again in April.

More research needs to be done on the garbage contract.

Motion by Melvin and seconded by Machande to pass Resolution 723– Utility bill to property taxes. Motion carried by roll: Cassaday aye, Machande aye, Volquardsen aye, Speer aye, Melvin aye.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Speer to pass Resolution 724– Budget 2016-2017. Motion carried by roll: Cassaday aye, Machande aye, Volquardsen aye, Speer aye, Melvin aye, Melvin aye.

Motion by Melvin and seconded by Volquardsen accept offer to buy real estate. Motion carried by roll: Cassaday aye, Machande aye, Volquardsen aye, Speer aye, Melvin aye.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Speer to pass Resolution 725 – proposing to sell real estate, and set public hearing for April 6 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by roll: Cassaday aye, Machande aye, Volquardsen aye, Speer aye, Melvin aye.

Reviewed Ordinance 16-1, setting utility rates. Sue will contact ECIA to rewrite.

Reviewed Ordinance 16-2 – Establishing a perpetual care trust fund for the Miles Cemetery to meet the requirement of the Iowa Cemetery Act. It was discussed, and decided to raise the price of interment spaces, the prices of winter interment, and change some wording. Sue will contact the lawyer to have the changes made before presenting the information to the Iowa Insurance Division Securities and Regulated Industries Bureau..

Reviewed the Certificate of Interment Rights and Interment Rights Agreement to meet the requirement of the Iowa Cemetery Act. No changes were needed.

Motion by Melvin and seconded by Cassaday to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays. Next meeting April 6, 2016.

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Bills as listed:			
Preston Times (publications)	\$ 269.61	Bruhn Plumbing (graves)	\$ 200.00
Clinton National Bank (water tower loan)	\$ 1,679.60	City of Preston (police)	\$ 2,495.08
Black Hills Energy (gas)	\$ 335.04	City FICA	\$ 812.07
Test America (water & sewer testing)	\$ 390.60	February salaries (actual)	\$ 10,615.38
Carroll County Auto Parts (battery)	\$ 48.06	City IPERS	\$ 947.96
Miles Telephone (phone and internet)	\$ 156.71	AgVantage (fuel)	\$ 73.30
Terry Behn (cell phone and mileage)	\$ 109.36	IAMU (dues)	\$ 459.52
Alliant Energy (electric)	\$ 2,076.21	Allied Waste (garbage)	\$ 2,332.80
MasterCard (stapler, supplies)	\$ 63.26	IAMU (workshop)	\$ 90.00
J & R Suply (curb box)	\$ 280.50	Water Management Services (sewer)	\$ 600.00
Office of Auditor (exam)	\$ 900.00	Determann Asphalt (cold mix)	\$ 47.52
Wendling (lime)	\$ 13.71		
Total	\$ 24,996.29		

February 2016

Receipts:

Disbursements:

General Fund	588.23	6,146.46
RUT	2,956.12	2,523.93
RUT 28E	-0-	-0-
Water	6,684.71	5,099.30
Sewer	6,478.65	6,269.60
Sewer Improvement	35,267.75	6,927.75
Garbage	6,156.52	6,026.68
Cemetery ME	12.61	606.20
Econ. Development	3,050.79	-0-
Revolving Loan	156.00	-0-
Cemetery Spec.	-0-	-0-
Perpetual Care	-0-	-0-
	61,351.38	33,599.92