

MILES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Miles City Hall

July 9, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Miles City Council met in regular session on July 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Miles City Hall. Council members present were: Brandon Hansen, Jennifer Machande, Jesse Speer, Kristi Melvin, and Tim Volquardsen. Mayor Mike Portz presided.

Delegates Lauren and Nancy Corlis, and Dale Petersen were present to ask about the sidewalk project. The specifics of width, depth, and light placement were discussed.

Delegate Savanna Lippens presented her suggestions for the city park as part of her participation in the Leadership Institute. She would like to volunteer to rejuvenate the park.

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

Motion by Volquardsen and seconded by Melvin to approve the agenda, with 2 additions. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The police report was presented. There were 32 contacts made during June. Citizens need to report any and all illegal activity to the police. Motion to approve police report by Hansen, seconded by Speer. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Volquardsen and seconded by Machande to approve the Finance Report. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Volquardsen and seconded by Speer to approve all bills. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor's report: 1) Jackson County Tourism Minutes. 2) MediaCom fee changes. 3) Jackson County Waste Authority Minutes. 4) DNR 2010 Urban Forest Management Plan.

The replacement of the street lights on Ferry Road was discussed. Hansen will contact Alliant Energy.

The LL Pelling proposal for street repairs was discussed. Motion by Melvin and seconded by Hansen to accept the proposal with changes, to stay within the budget. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The proposal for park rejuvenation was discussed. The Council would like to stay involved in the process, and contribute to the projects. The War Memorial will be cleaned this fall, and new grass will be seeded. Motion to approve Savannah Lippens proposal for park clean-up and repair by Machande and seconded by Speer. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Building and maintenance concerns. 1) Well #2 was hit by lightning. It is being repaired. 2) The water tower and sewer were calibrated July 9. 3) The landscaping in front of City Hall will be changed. 4) A Personal Improvement Plan was discussed.

Clerks Report: 1) Sue will be taking vacation time on July 21, 22, and 23. 2) The furnace and air conditioner were installed in 1982. This will be addressed at budget time. 3) The lawyer will be present at the August 6 meeting for a closed session. 4) Bulbs can no longer be purchased for the lights in City Hall.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Speer to approve liquor license, pending Dram Shop, for Miles Mini Mart. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Melvin and seconded by Machande to hire Steines Tree Service to remove the tree at Wilson St. and Orson St. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Citizen's traffic concerns were discussed. The police will monitor the problem.

The sidewalk on Ferry Road was discussed. The cement should be poured the week of July 14.

An inquiry was received on having a cell tower in town limits. More information is needed to make a decision.

The City of Miles needs to have certificates of insurance for all contractors working for the City. Motion by Speer and seconded by Volquardsen for Sue to contact them and ask for the paperwork. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Hansen and seconded by Volquardsen to send a letter to resident of Adams Ave, to resolve matter of drainage. The City proposes to enlarge (swale) the ditch, and re-seed, to be completed by November 1, 2014. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The City of Miles has requested bids on cemetery weed control. The company needs to be government approved. The topic was tabled until the August meeting.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Speer to accept bid from JL Franks for new door at shed. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Speer and seconded by Hansen to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Next meeting August 6.

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Bills as listed:			
Preston Times (publications & subscription)	\$ 287.35	DNR (annual water fee)	\$ 52.03
Clinton National Bank (water tower loan)	\$ 1,679.60	USA Bluebook (paint, glasses)	\$ 188.10
Black Hills Energy (gas)	\$ 102.71	Miles Post Office (postage)	\$ 34.00
Test America (water & sewer testing)	\$ 407.40	City of Preston (police)	\$ 2,351.85
Preston Hardware (paint, oil)	\$ 38.96	City FICA	\$ 699.07
Miles Telephone (phone and internet)	\$ 102.54	John L Franks (lumber, paint)	\$ 150.16
Determann Asphalt (cold mix)	\$ 165.75	Behn's Concrete (haul rock, sidewalk)	\$ 3,510.00
Troy Alderman (cell phone)	\$ 10.00	City IPERS	\$ 454.52
Alliant Energy (electric)	\$ 2,063.25	Sue Papke (mileage)	\$ 22.40
Allied Waste (garbage)	\$ 2,813.54	June salaries (actual)	\$ 9,461.88
AgVantage (gas, DF)	\$ 467.38	Wendling Quarries (rock)	\$ 861.03
Ernst Outdoor (trimmer & chain saw)	\$ 70.50	Trenkamp Elect (removal at sewer)	\$ 47.00
Iowa League of Cities (dues)	\$ 377.00	State of Iowa (sales tax)	\$ 1,037.00
Badricks (filter & roller kit)	\$ 62.53	Anderson Pharmacy (peroxide)	\$ 155.16
Bernies Heating (air cond repair)	\$ 84.10	Midwest Business (copies)	\$ 54.09
Jerry's Plumbing (sewer, water repair)	\$ 1,335.00	Waste Authority (assessment)	\$ 1,774.44
Schoenthaler, Bartelt, Kahler & Reicks (lawyer)	\$ 740.00	Utility Equipment (shut-offs)	\$ 402.77
Bodine (pumpoff)	\$ 2,115.00	IMWCA (workmens comp)	\$ 2,494.00
ECIA (dues)	\$ 258.10	Great River Threshers (donation)	\$ 1,000.00
Miles Legion (donation)	\$ 500.00	Operation New View (donation)	\$ 300.00
Jackson County Economic Alliance (dues)	\$ 1,000.00	Quill.com (office supplies)	\$ 225.79
Oly's Garage (tire repair)	\$ 21.93		
Total	\$ 39,977.93		

June 2014

	Receipts:	Disbursements:
General Fund	712.75	9,122.15
RUT	2,632.21	1,834.21
RUT 28E	3,249.20	927.35
Sewer	5,940.33	3,241.66
Water	5,527.43	6,209.06
Garbage	3,870.31	3,929.34
Cemetery ME	-0-	317.95
Econ. Development	2,824.19	-0-
Revolving Loan	42.38	1,198.84
Cemetery Spec.	-0-	-0-
Perpetual Care	-0-	-0-
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