

MILES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Miles City Hall

March 5, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Miles City Council met in regular session on March 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Miles City Hall, opening with a public hearing on the 2014-2015 budget. Council members present were: Brandon Hansen, Jennifer Machande, and Tim Volquardsen. Mayor Mike Portz presided. Delegates present: Brian Holdgrafer, IIW, Julie Brown of American Red Cross.

Mayor Portz opened the public hearing for the purpose of citizens comments on the proposed 2014-2015 budget. There being no citizens present or any verbal or written opposition, a motion on the floor by Machande and seconded by Hansen to close the public hearing. Motion carried, 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Portz read a proclamation proclaiming March 2014 as American Red Cross month.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Volquardsen to dispense with reading of the minutes. Motion carried, 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Volquardsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 3 ayes, 0 nays.

The police report was presented. There were 26 contacts made during February. Citizens need to report any and all illegal activity to the police. Motion to approve police report by Volquardsen, seconded by Hansen. Motion carried, 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Volquardsen and seconded by Hansen to approve the Finance Report. Motion carried, 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Hansen to approve all bills. Motion carried, 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Brian Holdgrafer was present with questions about the sewer project. Michelle Carr of IIW answered questions on locations and options.

Mayor's report: 1) Jackson County Prevention Coalition Minutes. 2) Jackson County Waste Authority Minutes. 3) Jackson County Area Tourism Assoc. Minutes. 4) Operation New View Home Energy Assistance Program.

Building and maintenance concerns. 1) The old city truck had a broken wire in the wire harness of the fuel pump. 2) Working on keeping the storm drains open for the thaw. 3) Recently purchased and received an order of shut off valves and curb stops.

Clerks Report: 1) Sue will be taking vacation days March 25-28. 2) The plumber will be working on the frozen pipes.

Motion by Hansen and seconded by Machande to approve Resolution 696, a resolution approving the 2014-2015 Budget. Roll Call: Hansen aye, Machande aye, Volquardsen aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 14-1, utility rate increases, has been prepared. The wording will be updated for the law changes on landlords and tenants. A Public Hearing for Ordinance 14-1 will be Wednesday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. A public notice will be put in the paper.

The Spring Newsletter was discussed. Dates for the annual city-wide dumpster will be May 2-9, water mains will be flushed May 7-8. An ad will be placed for summer help, with a deadline of March 28 for applications. The newsletters will be mailed with the April bills.

The animals at 53 Allen Street were discussed. The police are aware of the problem, and will continue to monitor.

The sewer project was discussed. The contract with IIW for design and Phase 1 of the DNR process has been completed, and a new compensation program needs to be signed.

The electrical wiring needs to be updated in City Hall to have the computer on its own circuit. Trenkamp Electric will be called.

Motion by Hansen and seconded by Machande to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Next meeting April 2.

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Bills as listed:			
Preston Times (publications)	\$ 176.24	Whitey's (cemetery)	\$ 157.50
Clinton National Bank (water tower loan)	\$ 1,740.23	USPS (envelopes)	\$ 267.25
Black Hills Energy (gas)	\$ 516.78	Utility Equipment (pipe)	\$ 567.99
Test America (water & sewer testing)	\$ 407.40	City of Preston (police)	\$ 2,351.85
Kunau (repair)	\$ 735.44	City FICA	\$ 433.69
Miles Telephone (phone and internet)	\$ 101.58	Office of Auditor of State (audit)	\$ 900.00
Jim Bruhn (plow snow)	\$ 210.00	Matt Parrott (bills)	\$ 288.65
Troy Alderman (cell phone)	\$ 10.00	City IPERS	\$ 506.23
Alliant Energy (electric)	\$ 3,372.66	Miles Post Office (postage)	\$ 34.00
Allied Waste (garbage)	\$ 2,813.54	Feb salaries (actual)	\$ 5,669.00
AgVantage (gas, DF)	\$ 630.61	Oly's Garage (repairs)	\$ 435.86
Preston Ready Mix (line)	\$ 95.31	Boss Office (paper)	\$ 39.00
Total	\$ 22,460.81		

February 2014

	Receipts:	Disbursements:
General Fund	1,911.21	5,467.11
RUT	2,715.20	1,476.51
RUT 28E	-0-	1,515.85
Sewer	6,228.45	4,478.60
Water	6,766.61	5,275.09
Garbage	5,611.76	3,459.15
Cemetery ME	12.60	249.63
Econ. Development	2,927.09	-0-
Revolving Loan	-0-	-0-
Cemetery Spec.	-0-	-0-
Perpetual Care	-0-	-0-
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Totals	26,172.92	21,921.94