

MILES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Miles City Hall
September 3, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Miles City Council met in regular session on September 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Miles City Hall. Council members present were: Brandon Hansen, Kristi Melvin, and Tim Volquardsen. Mayor Mike Portz presided.

Delegates: Mark Schneider, ECIA; IIW (Michelle Carr, Jim Bousley)

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

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

The police interim Chief Scott Heiar, was present. A citation has been issued for the dog issue. Motion to approve the oral report by Volquardsen and seconded by Hansen. Motion carried, 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Council member Jennifer Machande entered the meeting.

Motion by Hansen and seconded by Volquardsen to approve all bills. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor's report: 1) Jackson County Tourism Minutes. 2) MediaCom fee changes. 3) Jackson County Waste Authority Minutes. 4) ISO Review. 5) Jackson County Historical Society. 6) ICAP Annual Report.

The City of Preston will be interviewing for the Preston Police Chief. The City of Miles has been asked for input in the hiring process. The interviews will be held September 9 and 10.

Building and maintenance concerns. 1) Discussed putting a cement pad at the City Shed. Item will be discussed at budget. 2) BWC submitted a quote to repair 3 fire hydrants and a water main valve. Tabled until the October meeting. 3) The water shut-off for 323 and 325 Lincoln St. is shared. Tabled until the October meeting.

Clerks Report: 1) There is a Data Technologies User Group Meeting in Waverly on November 12.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Hansen to approve Resolution 702, the Annual Financial Report for Year Ended June 31, 2014. Motion carried by roll: Hansen aye, Machande aye, Volquardsen aye, Melvin aye.

Motion by Volquardsen and seconded by Melvin to approve Resolution 703, Street Lighting Resolution. Motion carried by roll: Hansen aye, Machande aye, Volquardsen aye, Melvin aye.

Motion by Hansen and seconded by Machande to approve Resolution 704, Urban Renewal Report for Year Ended June 31, 2014. Motion carried by roll: Hansen aye, Machande aye, Volquardsen aye, Melvin aye.

Michelle Carr and Jim Bousley from IIW Engineering presented a contract for Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvements. After discussion, the contract was tabled.

The discussion on signage for the City of Miles was tabled until the October meeting.

A bid was received to replace the lighting in City Hall. A rebate program through Alliant Energy will cover replacing the lights with fluoresce bulbs. Action was tabled until budget.

A discussion was held on the prices of cemetery plots. The prices were last changed in 2003. Research will be done on comparable prices in the area. Action was tabled until the October meeting.

The City of Miles has requested bids on cemetery weed control. Two bids were received. Action was tabled until the October meeting.

Jackson County Economic Alliance has been researching the housing needs for the employees of the Thomson Prison. The need for a county wide housing study is being proposed.

A discussion was held on placing a bench and garbage can on the green property on Ferry Road.

Discussed extending the No Parking zone on Ferry Road by the ambulance garage. The neighboring businesses will be contacted.

Savanna Lippens has selected to do a community service project of rejuvenating the Miles City Park. She will have work days to paint picnic tables, remove graffiti, plant flowers, paint a mural, and improve the basketball court area. Her goal is to raise \$3,000 for the project. Volunteers are welcome to partake in the clean-up days. A fundraiser will be held at Miles City Park on Sunday, September 14 for 11:00-2:00 and will cost \$7.00 for a cookout. Read the entire article at www.milesiowa.org/news/.

The fall newsletter will be included in the October bills, and put on the website.

Motion by Volquardsen and seconded by Hansen to approve building permit for Cassaday. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Volquardsen to approve building permit for Portz. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

An appraisal contract for the proposed wastewater facility improvement project was discussed. There were 4 appraisal bids received.

There were 3 review appraisal bid proposals received.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Hansen to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m., per Iowa code, Section 21.5 (1)(C), and Iowa code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss strategy of perspective parcel of particular real estate, with all council members voting aye. The Council reconvened in Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. with Mayor Portz and all councilmembers present. On motion of Melvin, and seconded by Hansen, the Council reconvened in Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Hansen and seconded by Volquardsen to hire the appraisal firm of Kane Appraisal Services, and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract. Motion carried by roll: Hansen aye, Machande aye, Volquardsen aye, Melvin aye.

Motion by Machande and seconded by Melvin to hire the review appraisal firm of DataSource Appraisal, and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract. Motion carried by roll: Hansen aye, Machande aye, Volquardsen aye, Melvin aye.

Motion by Melvin and seconded by Hansen to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting October 1.

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Bills as listed:			
Preston Times (publications & subscription)	\$ 119.09	Anderson Pharmacy (peroxide)	\$ 77.58
Clinton National Bank (water tower loan)	\$ 1,679.60	USA Bluebook (parts, paint)	\$ 174.18
Black Hills Energy (gas)	\$ 102.93	Miles Post Office (postage)	\$ 68.00
Test America (water & sewer testing)	\$ 407.40	City of Preston (police)	\$ 2,422.41
Preston Hardware (paint, towels)	\$ 233.97	City FICA	\$ 398.65
Miles Telephone (phone and internet)	\$ 106.50	John L Franks (paint, repair parts)	\$ 192.37
Bruhn Plumbing (water shut off)	\$ 142.50	Behn's Concrete (sidewalk & water shut)	\$ 2,417.00
Troy Alderman (cell phone)	\$ 10.00	City IPERS	\$ 436.77
Alliant Energy (electric)	\$ 2,530.06	Company One (fire exting recert)	\$ 480.10
Allied Waste (garbage)	\$ 2,813.54	August salaries (actual)	\$ 5,211.00
AgVantage (gas, DF)	\$ 185.15	Wending Quarries (fill lime,cement)	\$ 726.77
LL Pelling (street repair)	\$ 10,918.30	MasterCard (envelopes)	\$ 286.20
Keeney Welding (repairs)	\$ 114.80	Badricks (blade)	\$ 47.09
Iowa One Call (calls)	\$ 7.20	Gierke Robinson (handicap pad)	\$ 148.00
Trenkamp electric (park repair)	\$ 132.84	Determann (cold mix)	\$ 301.75
Total	\$ 32,891.75		

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	Receipts:	Disbursements:
General Fund	736.78	5,348.66
RUT	3,244.38	1,866.53
RUT 28E	-0-	1,012.38
Sewer	6,509.68	7,039.02
Water	6,996.39	5,970.93
Garbage	6,032.25	3,736.98
Cemetery ME	682.39	368.69
Econ. Development	2,769.65	7,630.08
Revolving Loan	156.00	-0-
Cemetery Spec.	50.00	-0-
Perpetual Care	80.00	-0-
	<u>27,257.52</u>	<u>32,973.27</u>