Miles Regular Council Meeting

Miles City Hall

August 3, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Miles City Council met in regular session on August 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Miles City Hall. PRESENT: R. Lawrence, M. Leamy, N. Corlis, D. Chrest, and D. Ernst. Mayor Pro-Tem Nancy Corlis presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council member M. Leamy made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, it was seconded by council member D. Chrest. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS. Barb Bulier requested to be put on agenda to discuss several items: Public Nuisance, Burn Ordinance and Water bill. Barb approached the council on the city’s burning ordinance asking the council to consider eliminating citizens to burn in town as it causes health problems. The building she owns in town the next-door neighbor continues to burn garbage, furniture and other items in his burn barrel. Causes problems for her tenants. Barb addressed the public nuisance at 332 Ferry Road, she would like the city to follow through with a municipal infraction at this address. As her tenants have had several complaints on the noise next door. It’s been ongoing problem for 2 years and nothing has happened. Barb also, addressed the increase to the water bill (actually sewer) wondering why the city had to pay for the land and why it wasn’t donated, why the city didn’t apply for grants, apply for disadvantage community status, suggesting to place water meters in every home. By placing water meters this it would allow the citizen pay for what they actually use. She stated you don’t want to see Miles a ghost town.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE RATES:

Mayor Pro-Tem Corlis opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. to solicit comments for the proposal to amend water, sewer, and garbage rates of the City of Miles. The primary purpose of the public hearing is for citizens to voice their objections or concerns. City Clerk, Brenda Tebbe informed the residents this lagoon has been in the works for the last 10 years. The city council couldn’t find the land. When they did find the land, the council proceeded with applying for a CDBG Grant and was awarded $300,000.00, they applied for the Disadvantage Community Status and was awarded it as well. With being awarded Disadvantage Community Status the current interest rate is 1.75% through a Sewer Revolving Fund Loan (SRF) for 25 years. The current proposed sewer increase rate is $52.00 per month. Had they not been awarded the Disadvantage Community Status the sewer rate would have been $115.00 a month. As a public forum - Dick Keeney approached the council and residents and addressed his concern with the property the city purchased (15 acres) several years ago and is asking not to forget about developing that land. It will bring in revenue for Miles. Mayor Pro-Tem Corlis closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. with no negative comments from citizens present and no objections on file.

Motion by D. Ernst and seconded by R. Lawrence to close the Public Hearing for the proposal to amend water, sewer, and garbage rates at 6:30 p.m. Several citizens attended the meeting to inquiry about the rate increases and questions were answered. No written oppositions were presented. Motion carried by roll call: Ernst aye, Lawrence aye, Leamy aye, Chrest aye, and Corlis aye.

MAINTENANCE REPORT was placed on file.

CLERK’S REPORT - No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS: Council member M. Leamy made a motion to appoint Daniel Ernst as Mayor for the City of Miles, IA, it was seconded by council member D. Chrest. Daniel term will end November 2023. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Abstain: Daniel Ernst.

Council will vote at the next meeting to either appoint or have a special election for the empty council seat.

City Clerk, Brenda Tebbe swore in Daniel Ernst as the New Mayor for the City of Miles. Daniel Ernst took the mayor seat and conducted the rest of the meeting.

Council member N. Corlis made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-3, An Ordinance amending Water, Sewer, & Garbage rates, it was seconded by council member M. Leamy. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Council member M. Leamy questioned who would be enforcing the golf carts and where would they register their golf carts, citizen would be registering their golf carts at city hall and would be issued a sticker. Leamy made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-4, An Ordinance by adding a new section (Golf Carts) to Title III Community Protection, Chapter 5, of the Miles Municipal Code, council member R. Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Council member M. Leamy again questioned who would be enforcing this Ordinance. Police Chief Miller stated he would need evidence of any wrong doing before fines were issued. Council member M. Leamy made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-5, An Ordinance by adding a new section (Fireworks) to Title III Community Protection, Chapter 4 of the Miles Municipal Code, council member N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Due to the increase in gas prices, Resolution 2022-20 was presented to the council for approve for the new federal gas rate of .625 cents per mile, council member D. Chrest made a motion to approve Res. 2022-20, A Resolution establish mileage reimbursement, council member M. Leamy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Miles Community Group is no longer raising money with the can redemption program. Council member R. Lawrence suggested the city take over the can redemption to raise money for lights at the park. Jesse Jepsen offered to help out with taking some of the can and reimbursing the city. Council agreed that anyone takes the cans to the redemption center it will be volunteer only. Council member R. Lawrence made a motion to take over the can redemption program, it was seconded by council member M. Leamy. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

At the last council meeting Maintenance person, Paul Maze presented one proposal to calibrate of a flow meter. Council directed Paul to get another bid. Utility Equipment came back with $1560.00; GPM quote was $412.00. Council member N. Corlis made a motion to approve GPM quote of $412.00, seconded by council member R. Lawrence. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Mayor and council discussed adding or deleting to the Fall Newsletter 2022. Council suggested to add to the Fall Newsletter that the city will be taking over the can redemption program.

City Clerk, Brenda Tebbe informed the council back in January the council entered into agreement with ECIA for Keep Iowa Beautiful. There requirements are to form a small group and discuss what projects they would like to see in town. Brenda is going to contact the Miles Community Group to see if anyone from that group would like to belong to Keep Iowa Beautiful group. They will discuss projects, take them to the council and ECIA (Keep Iowa Beautiful) will seek funding for those projects.

Council member N. Corlis made a motion to approve Payment No. 5 to Connolly Construction in the amount of $143,856.48, council member D. Chrest seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Maintenance person, Paul Maze informed the council Warren/Garrett Moeller is in the process of buying Jesse Speer building. Warren indicated with the new business that he is putting in he will need a larger water line (2” line) other then what the current line is in there (3/4” line) which means he will need to bore under Ferry Road. Council discusses who was responsible for the cost. Paul is to get prices and bring it back to the council. Council member D. Chrest suggested possibly the city would pay half but not all of it.

Mayor Ernst announced the next council meeting will be September 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - Council member N. Corlis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, council member R. Lawrence seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

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| JULY-AUGUST EXPENDITURES |  |  |
| GENERAL FUND | REFERENCE | AMOUNT |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS | COPIER AGREEMENT | 64.61 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ELECTRIC UTILITY | 265.86 |
| BADRICKS' SERVICE & SALES | 225DI GRASSHOPPER/DISCHARGE | 3,180.14 |
| BLACKHILLS ENERGY | NATURAL GAS | 85.21 |
| CITY OF PRESTON | AUG. POLICE PROTECTION | 2,624.44 |
| CLINTON NATIONAL BANK | FED/FICA TAX | 528.09 |
| ECIA | FY23KEEP IA BEAUTIFUL | 500 |
| IPERS | IPERS | 359.05 |
| J.L.FRANKS | PAINT, ROLLERS,SCREWS, BATTERI | 131.23 |
| JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI | FUEL FOR TRUCK & MOWER | 604.84 |
| MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CH | BLUE HANDICAP PAINT,GLO-GUARD | 574 |
| MILES TELEPHONE CO. | JULY BILL INTERNET/PHONE | 180.15 |
| O'REILLY AUTO/FIRST CALL | MOTOR OIL, SEAL TAPE | 95.34 |
| PRESTON TIMES | NOTICE OF INTENT-MAYOR,MINUTES | 572.37 |
| RCS COMPUTER SALES |  | 154 |
| REPUBLIC SERVICES #897 | GARBAGE/RECYCLING PICKUP | 8,072.20 |
| SCHOENTHLER,BARTELT,KAHLER & R | WAINWRIGHT BUILDING | 374.65 |
| TREASURER OF STATE | SALES TAX-SEWER-GARBAGE | 137.57 |
| EMPLOYEES | SALARIES | 2010.84 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL |  | **20514.59** |
| ROAD USE FUND |  |  |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ELECTRIC UTILITY | 609.98 |
| BADRICKS' SERVICE & SALES | 225DI GRASSHOPPER/DISCHARGE | 2,733.33 |
| BEHN STUMP GRINDING | STUMPS REMOVED | 246.5 |
| CLINTON NATIONAL BANK | FED/FICA TAX | 200.82 |
| IPERS | IPERS | 115.38 |
| MANATTS | INTERSECTION PATCH | 84,964.58 |
| TREASURER OF STATE | STATE TAX | 33.32 |
| EMPLOYEES | SALARIES | 798.98 |
| TOTAL ROAD USE FUND |  | **89702.89** |
| 28E RUT FUND |  |  |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ELECTRIC UTILITY | 609.97 |
| BEHN STUMP GRINDING | STUMPS REMOVED | 246.5 |
| IOWA BASED MILLING | MILING CURBS, | 1,550.00 |
| MANATTS | FERRY ROAD -OTHER HALF | 106,541.00 |
| PRESTON READY MIX | ROAD ROCK -INDUSTRAIL PARK | 1,156.11 |
| TOTAL 28E ROAD USE |  | **110,103.58** |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT |  |  |
| DANNY PATASKA | 'STAFF INFECTION' FOR THRESHER | 750 |
| GREAT RIVER THRESHERS | FIREWORKS | 1,000.00 |
| TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT |  | **1,750.00** |
| DEBT SERVICE |  |  |
| CLINTON NATIONAL BANK | PRINCIPAL/INTEREST PAYMENT | 1,679.60 |
| TOTAL DEBT SERVICE |  | **1,679.60** |
| WATER FUND |  |  |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS | COPIER AGREEMENT | 32.31 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ELECTRIC UTILITY | 842.46 |
| BLACKHILLS ENERGY | NATURAL GAS | 37.73 |
| CLINTON NATIONAL BANK | FED/FICA TAXES | 524.37 |
| EASTERN IOWA PLUMBING & H | CURB BOX - LINCOLN ST.TO BE | 2,664.71 |
| HAWKINS, INC. | AZONE | 287.04 |
| IOWA ONE CALL | EMAILA IOWA ONE CALL | 15.3 |
| IPERS | IPERS | 385.03 |
| LARRY JOHNSON | MILEAGE FOR SAMPLE | 59.38 |
| PRESTON TIMES | NOTICE OF INTENT-MAYOR,MINUTES | 14.38 |
| TREASURER OF STATE | STATE TAXES | 89.58 |
| EMPLOYEES | SALARIES | 1881.41 |
| TOTAL WATER FUND |  | **6833.7** |
| SEWER FUND |  |  |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS | COPIER AGREEMENT | 32.3 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | ELECTRIC UTILITY | 1,376.17 |
| BADRICKS' SERVICE & SALES | 225DI GRASSHOPPER/DISCHARGE | 2,733.33 |
| CLINTON NATIONAL BANK | FED/FICA TAX | 335.28 |
| IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES | NPDE PERMIT | 210 |
| IPERS | IPERS | 240.82 |
| J.L.FRANKS | PAINT, ROLLERS,SCREWS, BATTERI | 70.12 |
| QCANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC | WASTEWATER TEST | 367.79 |
| TREASURER OF STATE | SALES TAX-SEWER-GARBAGE | 96.6 |
| CONNOLLY CONSTRUCTION | LAGOON PROJECT | 143,856.48 |
| ECIA | WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY | 132.05 |
| JCLL ENTERPRISES | WASTE WATER SYSTEM OPERATIONS | 1,000.00 |
| ORIGIN DESIGN | WASTEWATER FACILITY 2020 | 2,657.00 |
| SCHOENTHLER,BARTELT,KAHLER & R | REVIEW DOC. EASEMENT PURCHASE | 200.06 |
| SCHWARTZ, MCMINIMEE,ANDREW LLC | ERNEST MONEY- FOR EASEMENT | 2,000.00 |
| EMPLOYEES | SALARIES | 1,230.18 |
| TOTAL SEWER & SEWER IMPROVEMENT |  | **156,538.18** |
| GARBAGE |  |  |
| WASTE AUTHORITY OF JACKSON CTY | JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022 | 1,344.36 |
| TOTAL GARBAGE |  | **1,344.36** |
| CEMETERY - MUN. ENTERPRISE |  |  |
| CLINTON NATIONAL BANK | FED/FICA TAX | 282.88 |
| IPERS | IPERS | 36.06 |
| TREASURER OF STATE | STATE TAXES | 36.4 |
| EMPLOYEES | SALARIES | 1488.48 |
| TOTAL CEMETERY-MUN. ENTERPRISES |  | **1843.82** |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST |  | 390,310.72 |
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| JULY REVENUES |  |  |
| GENERAL FUND |  | 9212.77 |
| ROAD USE FUND |  | 2774.75 |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT |  | 2034.13 |
| WATER FUND |  | 10142.26 |
| SEWER FUND |  | 10251.35 |
| SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND |  | 20500.22 |
| CUSTOMER DEPOSITS |  | 200 |
| TOTAL REVENUES |  | 55115.48 |