

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING & BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 27, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.  
MILES CITY HALL

Mayor Brandon Meyer called the budget work session to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. PRESENT: L. Horst, N. Voss, R. Wilslef, N. Corlis, and A. Petersen.

GUESTS: Paul Maze, Dennis Johnson, and Officer Joel Driscoll.

Open Special Meeting: N. Voss made a motion to open the special meeting, seconded by A. Petersen. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

The mayor informed Council that he and Brenda attended an informal demonstration at Easton Valley Elementary School regarding potential marketing opportunities for the City of Miles. He stated it was an excellent demonstration and felt the tools presented could be beneficial to the city, particularly in promoting the splash pad project currently being fundraised by committee members. The mayor asked if Council would be interested in having KO Collection provide a marketing demonstration, which would be offered as a free service to the City of Miles. L. Horst noted that surrounding towns' Improvement Committees could also benefit. Council agreed to hear the demonstration, and the mayor will schedule it for a future date. L. Horst made a motion to authorize an invitation to provide a marketing demonstration, N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Adjourn – A. Petersen made a motion to adjourn the special meeting; it was seconded by N. Voss. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Mayor opens the work session -

The mayor reviewed the budget worksheet provided by the Clerk with Council. Several items were budgeted, including Water Meter and Water Main Improvements, well #1 repair, the 332 Ferry Road project, Storm Sewer (JCRPT grant), and the USDA grant, as the Clerk does not yet know when the siren project will be completed.

The Clerk explained that revenue growth is projected to decrease by 3.06% for FY26/27, resulting in an estimated revenue loss of \$2,630.00. To offset this projected loss and maintain the current level of funding, the levy rate was adjusted by 0.32382. The tax rate increased from \$10.95802 for FY25/26 to \$11.28184 for FY26/27.

The mayor questioned what dollar amount was budgeted for mileage reimbursement. The Clerk reported she increased the amount due to additional sampling required by DNR, which includes added mileage expenses. The mayor asked if it would be feasible to budget for a regular truck for street use and sell one of the other trucks. Maintenance employee Paul stated the 1997 Chevy truck is currently having issues, so this may be a reasonable option. The mayor noted he had forgotten to mention this to the Clerk earlier and stated he may look into it further down the road.

L. Horst questioned how the service has been with AT Disposal. The Clerk reported there have been a few hiccups with switching pickup to Tuesday, and when residents do not have their cans out, AT Disposal takes a picture and sends it to the Clerk's phone.

L. Horst commented that the Audit Report has been presented.

Mayor asked if the council had any more questions, with that the mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. N. Corlis made that motion, A. Petersen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

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Brandon Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda L. Tebbe, City Clerk

