

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 JULY 10, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
 MILES CITY HALL

Mayor Brandon Meyer called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. PRESENT: N. Voss, L. Horst, R. Wilslef, N. Corlis, and B. Volquardsen. Mayor Brandon Meyer presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion by N. Corlis to approve the agenda as presented, N. Voss seconded the motion. Ayes: Corlis, Voss, Horst, Wilslef, and Volquardsen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

GUESTS: Glen Mommsen, Jesse Jepsen, Dale Cassady, Warren Moeller, Ed Junge, Terry Ferry, Chief Chad Gruver, Paul Maze, and Rhonda Eickert.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENTS – Ed Junge approached the council with his concern of the culvert located south of the old phone pedestal that is located next to his property. The tube is higher on the south side then on the north, limiting the water flow through the tube. Paul and Brandon indicated the culvert will need to be dug out and lowered to make the water flow correctly. Paul is to get pricing for this repair.

Glen Mommsen approached the council voicing his concern on a backup generator for water supply if something happens with the electricity in town. He feels the city don't have a game plan in case of an emergency. Glen stated the city doesn't have the funds to purchase a generator but they could buy a tractor. Mayor Meyer informed Glen the city was looking into a backup generator.

CONSENT AGENDA – B. Volquardsen made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of previous meeting, paid, unpaid, financial statements, water, sewer, and maintenance report with the exception of the police report, L. Horst seconded the motion. Ayes: Volquardsen, Horst, Wilslef, Voss, and Corlis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

JULY EXPENDITURES		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER AGREEMENT	145.61
AG VANTAGE	GRAZON NEXT	707.36
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	203.13
BADRICKS' SERVICE & SALES	OIL FILTER	38.29
BLACKHILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	76.21
BRENDA TEBBE	CHIPS/MILES TRACTOR PULL-	92.4
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	991.14
ECIA	DUES	310.08
HIGHWAY 64 DESIGNS LLC	DUMP SIGNS	132
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEMBER DUES	495
IPERS	IPERS	1,044.27
JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF	JUNE POLICE PROTECTION	6,149.00
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	DIESEL & GAS	820.23
MASTER CARD	POST CARD & REG STAMPS	283.5
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE	BALL VALVE, PLASTIC PAIL, LOCKN	258.34
MILES TELEPHONE CO.	PHONE/INTERNET	159.78
PRESTON READY MIX	16 CONCRETE BLOCKS	2,598.64
PRESTON TIMES	MINUTES, EXPENDITURES	249.04
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	4,441.22

RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL MGN	62.5
SCHOENTHLER, BARTELT, KAHLER & R	350 FERRY ROAD	726.8
TREASURER OF STATE	SALES TAX	595.83
WASTE AUTHORITY OF JACKSON CTY	JULY-SEPT 2024	1,344.36
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	5,752.67
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		27,677.40
ARPA FUNDING		
K & W COATINGS LLC	WATER TOWER MTE	7,881.52
TOTAL ARPA FUNDING		7,881.52
ROAD USE FUND		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	566.68
TOTAL ROAD USE		566.68
28E RUT ROAD		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	566.67
28E RUT ROAD TOTAL		566.67
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
GREAT RIVER THRESHERS	FIREWORKS	500
JACKSON CO ECONOMIC ALLIANCE	FY2024	1,000.00
JCATA	ANNUAL DUES	60
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOTAL		1560
DEBT SERVICE		
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	PRIN/INTEREST WATER TOWER MTE	1,431.59
KUBOTA CREDIT CORP. USA	KUBOTA PAYMENT	1,266.87
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL		2,698.46
WATER FUND		
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER AGREEMENT	72.81
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	1,197.86
BLACKHILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	37.73
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	735.44
HAWKINS, INC.	AZONE	601.97
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	ANNUAL WATER DUES	44.76
IOWA ONE CALL	EMAIL IOWA ONE CALL	18.9
IPERS	IPERS	532.3
K & W COATINGS LLC	WATER TOWER MTE	65,848.48
MASTER CARD	POST CARD & REG STAMPS	141.75
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE	BALL VALVE, PLASTIC PAIL, LOCKN	46.53
QCANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	WATER TOTAL COLIFORM	150
RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL MGN	31.25
TREASURER OF STATE	WATER EXCISE TAX	549.67
TRENKAMP ELECTRIC	BUCKET TRUCK	182.5
USA BLUE BOOK	HYDRANT LOCKS	795.26
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2587.36
WATER FUND TOTAL		73574.57
SEWER FUND		

ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER AGREEMENT	72.8
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	207.7
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	716.22
IPERS	IPERS	518.27
MASTER CARD	POST CARD & REG STAMPS	141.75
QCANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	WASTEWATER TEST	108
QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS, INC	KSB SUB PUMP 208/3-LAGOON	17,262.92
RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL MGN	31.25
TREASURER OF STATE	SALES TAX	762
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2518.86
SEWER FUND TOTAL		22339.77
CEMETERY- MUN. ENTERPRISE		
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	243.24
IPERS	IPERS	211.83
JERRY'S PLUMBING	KOCH, MOELLER GRAVE	400
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE	BALL VALVE,PLASTIC PAIL,LOCKN	12.95
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAXES	21.36
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	1100.38
CEMETERY - MUN. ENTERPRISE TOTAL		1989.76
JULY EXPENDITURES		138,854.83
JUNE REVENUES 2024		
GENERAL FUND		12199.69
ROAD USE		4249.72
28E RUT		4382.71
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		51.01
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		1729.31
DEBT SERVICE		30327.95
WATER FUND		79443.75
SEWER FUND		20966.19
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS		400
CEMETERY-MUN. ENTERPRISES		200
TOTAL REVENUES		153950.33

MAINTENANCE REPORT – Paul updated the council the maintenance on the water tower is complete. Paul informed he is having problems with the pump on Well #1. He has contacted the contractor on this issue, they indicated typically pumps last anywhere from 7-10 years. The contractor informed Paul to replace it when it no longer works.

NEW BUSINESS - Council agreed Paul is to get a couple quotes for the repair of the culvert at 107 Ferry Road.

N. Corlis made a motion to approve Res. 2024-1, A Resolution reappointing City Officials, Standing Committees, and Designations for 2-year term, L. Horst seconded the motion. Ayes: Corlis, Horst, Voss, Wilslef, and Volquardsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At the last council meeting, Deputy Kraker and Police Chief, Chad Gruver discussed with the council on different options the city has for police protection. Council directed Chief Gruver to put together a proposal and present it at

the July 10th meeting. Chief Gruver came and presented a 4-year proposal to reinstate police protection with Miles based on 40 hours per month. Each year the contract will have a 5% increase. Chief Gruver gave an overview of the service Preston would provide to Miles. He also stated if the city goes with “direct patrol” through the Jackson County Sheriff Department it may be less expensive but won’t get the service that Preston can provide. A few residents spoke up on the past experience they had with Preston protection, such as not showing up for a call. But then there were a few other residents stated they had better service with Preston. Chad rest assured him and his staff would maintain a good relationship and would deliver police service to the citizen of Miles. Chad informed the council he will be the resource officer for Easton Valley Elementary and High School and stated that when he’s in Miles (elementary school) those hours will not go towards Miles 40 hours. But if there’s a call, he will make sure someone will be there.

Mayor and council discussed the proposal (direct patrol) from Jackson County Sheriff Department. Council agreed they would terminate the contract they currently have with the sheriff department at the next council meeting. And decide what police protection option will fit for Miles.

Mayor and council discussed the proposed Amendment for Storage Containers. All storage containers will have to meet the building permit requirements and be approved by the council. Motion was made by L. Horst to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 24-3, An Ordinance Amending Title VI Physical Environment, Chapter 15 Portable Containers, City of Miles Code of Ordinances, seconded by B. Volquardsen. Roll call vote: Ayes: Horst, Volquardsen, Voss, Wilslef, and Corlis. Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by L. Horst to approve the second Reading of Ordinance 24-2, Chapter 17, Numbering of Buildings of the City of Miles Code of Ordinances, R. Wilslef seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Horst, Wilslef, Voss, Corlis, and Volquardsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Volquardsen made a motion to suspend the rules requiring an ordinance be voted on for a passage at two council meetings prior to this meeting with respect to Ordinance 24-2, N. Voss seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Volquardsen, Voss, Horst, Wilslef, and Corlis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by L. Horst to approve final passage and adopt with respect to Ordinance 24-2, Chapter 17 Numbering of Buildings of the City of Miles Code of Ordinances, seconded by N. Corlis. Roll call vote: Ayes: Horst, Corlis, Wilslef, Voss, and Volquardsen. Nays: None. Motion carried. The city was approached by Ambulance and Fire Department to implement this Ordinance to insure they would response to the correct address. All numbers shall be of durable substance, clearly legible and the numerals shall be not less than five inches in height.

Clerk informed the mayor and council, Republic Services contract with the city is up at October 31, 2024. Before the council is a solid waste contract bid proposal. Clerk informed the council she has been approached by 2 different companies that are interested in bidding. B. Volquardsen made a motion to approve the clerk to send out the solid waste proposal to whoever reaches out to the city, R. Wilslef seconded the motion. Ayes: Volquardsen, Wilslef, Voss, Horst, and Corlis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Clerk informed the mayor and council she has been approached by a city employee if the council would consider providing clothing allowance for the full-time employees. Clerk spoke with personnel committee and discuss the finance part of it. But concluded that this would be an additional benefit to those employees. Clerk reported the surroundings city’s provide clothing allowance for their employees. B. Volquardsen made a motion to provide clothing allowance to the full-time employees, seconded by N. Voss. Ayes: Volquardsen, Voss, Wilslef, Horst, and Corlis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Council questioned if other city’s provide clothing allowance to part-time employees and if they are required to wear steel toe shoes. Clerk will look into this request.

N. Voss made a motion to approve Res. 24-18, A Resolution amending the Employee Handbook with an additional of providing clothing allowance to the full-time employees, N. Corlis seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Voss, Corlis, Horst, Wilslef, and Volquardsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Again, this year the council discussed options for health insurance for Paul Maze, City maintenance employee. The current agreement the city has with Paul they have increased his wage by \$5.00/hr. to use towards his own health insurance. After some discussion, council agreed to increase Paul's hourly wage by \$5.00/hr. for one year ending June 20, 2025, to use towards his own health insurance. N. Corlis made that motion to reinstate the current agreement to increase Paul wage by \$5.00/hr. to use towards his own health insurance, and was seconded by R. Wilslef. Motion carried by roll; Corlis aye, Wilslef aye, Voss aye, Horst aye, and Volquardsen aye.

Mayor and council was provided with raise analysis of 1%,2%, and 3%. B. Volquardsen questioned the past practice on raises. Clerk reported typically 3% is put in the budget. Mayor and council discussed whether they would provide a raise for Danny Ernst since he recently received a raise (probation period) and would be receiving another one when he passes his water certification. B. Volquardsen stated the standard living cost is between 3.3%-3.7%. After some discussion on what it will cost the city per year if given a 3% increase to each employee except for D. Ernst is \$5070.45. Volquardsen made a motion to approve a 3% raise to Paul Maze, Brenda Tebbe and Rodney Kilburg, R. Wilslef seconded the motion. This raise will be retroactive to July 1, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes: Volquardsen, Wilslef, Voss, Horst, and Corlis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Up for approval is a quote from Manatts to repair a spot-on Ferry Road. Volquardsen questioned if we have gotten another bid and if this work is done by Manatts is there a warranty. Paul indicated there would be a 1-year warranty. Council directed Paul to receive another bid for street repair. (possibly from 7 Hills Paving)

City clerk reported she had received a phone call from the city attorney discussing the temporary easement. The Grantors are accepting our cost proposal of \$4435.00 to finish their wall once the City's building has been deconstructed. However, rather than wait to pay whatever contractor they hire to do the work they want the money paid directly to them prior to the contractor entering the property. The easement states that the City will pay the amount agreed upon to the Wright & Coakley Trust Account, which is what the City will still do, but Mr. Coakley will release the funds right away, rather than waiting. He will also submit his invoice to the city. The city attorney also directed the clerk to get council to approve authorizing the mayor and city clerk to the temporary easement if the easement is signed within seven (7) days, if not the council will need to approve moving forward with condemnation.

L. Horst made a motion to authorize the mayor and city clerk to sign the temporary easement for 350 Ferry Road, R. Wilslef seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Horst, Wilslef, Voss, Corlis. Abstain – B. Volquardsen. Motion carried.

L. Horst made a motion to approve moving forward with condemnation for 350 Ferry Road if the temporary easement was not signed within the 7 days as stated, N. Voss seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Horst, Voss, Corlis, and Wilslef. Abstain – B. Volquardsen. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – N. Voss made a motion to adjourn to the meeting, seconded by R. Wilslef. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes: Voss, Wilslef, Corlis, Horst, and Volquardsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.