

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
 JUNE 5, 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: R. Wilslef, L. Horst, and B. Volquardsen. ABSENT: N. Corlis. Mayor Brandon Meyer presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by L. Horst to the agenda as presented, R. Wilslef seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

GUESTS: Nate Voss, Warren Moeller, Donnie Hansen, Deputy Sheriff, Jim Kraker, Police Chief, Chad Gruver, Sean Quillian, Andy Petersen, Terry Feller, Jesse Jepsen, Carla Jochum, Glen Mommsen and Paul Maze.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT – B. Volquardsen question Gruhn Electric bill for \$11,740.00. Paul Maze indicated it was the GE Gear box for the park which was ordered a year ago and Jeff, from Gruhn Electric called inquiring about the payment of the bill. Paul informed him currently the project is put on hold but the city has used park project funds. Volquardsen made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the previous meeting, paid, unpaid, financial statements, water, sewer, maintenance reports with the exception of the police report, L. Horst seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

JUNE EXPENDITURES

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCESS SYSTEMS	SHARP COPIER	94.18
AG VANTAGE	GRAZON	247.44
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	176.22
BLACKHILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	307.57
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	616.13
GERARDY OUTDOOR POWER	ECHO ARMOR OIL	29.94
GRUHN ELECTRIC	GE GEAR/PARK PROJECT	11,740.00
IMWCA	PREM ON WORK COMP	2,430.25
IPERS	IPERS	476.75
JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF	POLICE PROTECTION	2,860.00
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	DIESEL FUEL, GAS	
MATT PARROTT/STOREY	TRUCK/MOWERS	245.55
KENWORTHY	ENVELOPES	69.26
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE	GRINDER,CABLETIES,PAINT, PAINT	361.43
MILES TELEPHONE CO.	PHONE/INTERNET	159.78
PRESTON READY MIX	2' CLEAN, CLASS A	3,078.08
PRESTON TIMES	MINUTES,EXPEND,NOTICEOF INTENT	226.95
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	4,441.22
RIPEVA LLC	MANAGE FIREWALL SECURITY	62.5
SCHOENTHLER,BARTELT,KAHLER & R	TEMPORARY EASEMENT-CITY BLDG	460
STEINES TREE SERVICE	TRIM TREE,3 ARBORVATE TREES	1,445.00
TANDEM TIRE & AUTO SERVIE	SERVICE TRIP/REPAIR TIRE	218.3
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAX	78.45
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2422.08
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		32247.08
ROAD USE TAX		

ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	569.58
TOTAL ROAD USE		569.58
28E RUT		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	569.58
TOTAL 28E RUT		569.58
DEBT SERVICE		
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	PRIN/INTEREST LAST PAY'T	1,771.15
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		1,771.15
WATER FUND		
ACCESS SYSTEMS	SHARP COPIER	47.09
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	305.32
BLACKHILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	77.09
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	794.39
CORRPRO COMPANIES INC	CATHODIC PROTECTION	985
HAWKINS, INC.	AZONE	419.15
IMWCA	PREM ON WORK COMP	731.58
IPERS	IPERS	594.11
	DIESEL FUEL, GAS	
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	TRUCK/MOWERS	129.29
MATT PARROTT/STOREY		
KENWORTHY	ENVELOPES	34.63
QCANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	TOTAL COLIFORM	50
RIPEVA LLC	MANAGE FIREWALL SECURITY	31.25
TREASURER OF STATE	WATER EXCISE TAX	561.06
USA BLUE BOOK	TYVEK COVERALLS,CHECK VALVE,	605.34
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2915.28
TOTAL WATER FUND		8280.58
SEWEER FUND		
ACCESS SYSTEMS	SHARP COPIER	47.09
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	488.5
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	749.68
IMWCA	PREM ON WORK COMP	547.42
IPERS	IPERS	566.61
	DIESEL FUEL, GAS	
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	TRUCK/MOWERS	102.29
MATT PARROTT/STOREY		
KENWORTHY	ENVELOPES	34.63
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE	BATTERIES,WIREWHEELS,PRIMER,	6.59
QCANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	WASTEWATER TEST	208
RIPEVA LLC	MANAGE FIREWALL SECURITY	31.25
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAX	110.13
USA BLUE BOOK	TYVEK COVERALLS,CHECK VALVE,	297.2
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	500,000 SEWER REVENUE BOND	52,110.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	PRIN/INTEREST/SERVICE FEE	75,283.47
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2,791.42
TOTAL SEWER FUND		133,374.28
CEMETERY-MUN ENTERPRISE		
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	352.81
IMWCA	PREM ON WORK COMP	469.75
IPERS	IPERS	298.85

JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	DIESEL FUEL, GAS TRUCK/MOWERS	62
KEENEY WELDING	2 LINK FENCE/CEMETERY	1,219.46
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE	GRINDER,CABLETIES,PAINT, PAINT	255.47
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAX	34.46
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	1538.51
		4,231.31
TOTAL JUNE EXPENDITURES		181043.56
REVENUES		
GENERAL FUND		37939.6
ROAD USE TAX		3035.35
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		447.23
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		2325.11
WATER FUND		7332.53
SEWER FUND		21698.2
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS		400
CEMETERY-MUN ENTERPRISE		700
TOTAL REVENUES FOR MAY		73878.02

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL OBLIGATION TRACTOR ACQUISITION LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

Mayor Meyer opened the public hearing to solicit comments on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Tractor Acquisition Lease-Purchase Agreement. The primary purpose of the public hearing is for citizens to voice their objections or concerns. Motion by L. Horst, seconded by R. Wilslef to open the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Citizen – Glen Mommsen proposed to the city council he would provide his tractor for any needs the city may have instead of purchasing/lease a new tractor. Glen stated the city could save money for the next couple of years and then be able to purchase one. Mayor Meyer questioned what happens when yours break down, who's going to pay for the repairs. Glen stated he would cover all costs and sign a contract. Warren Moeller spoke up and stated he would help out as well, he has 3 tractors the city could use. Paul informed Glen and Warren that the current tractor doesn't fit the needs for what it will be used for. Warren went on to say the city could put the tractor money towards fixing his water problem. He informed the council he spent 5 hours pumping out his basement because the rain fall filled up his basement. Mayor Meyer asked him how long this has been going on and Warren indicated for 3 years. Mayor Meyer also asked how old is his building. Warren indicated 1949 plus the storm sewer is cracked under his building. Paul informed the council last fall him and Danny had went down and looked at it. Paul had received a couple of bids but needs to get concrete cost as well.

Paul also stated it is a liability issue for any city to allow use of outside tractors that isn't owned by the city or perform any work for the city. Glen stated he could become an employee to be paid minimum wage. Council stated unfortunately it doesn't work like that.

Glen asked about the PTO generator verse the stationer generator. Paul indicated it is DNR recommendation to purchase the stand alone generator. The cost the city has incur with the Derecho and the storm that hit last year leaving Miles without electricity for 3 days was costly for the city. Glen stated he would like to see a breakdown of the recent cost verse purchasing a \$20,000 stand-alone generator. Also, he would like to have breakdown of the storm sewer.

Motion by L. Horst to close the public hearing at 6:46 p.m. seconded by R. Wilslef. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Maintenance Report – Was provided to the council.

New Business - City received 2 letters of Intent for City Council vacancy. L. Horst made a motion to appoint Nate Voss. B. Volquardsen stated she was going to make a motion for Andy Petersen. L. Horst stated Nate has the knowledge of water meters and since the city is researching options for water meters, she feels he would be knowledgeable for the city council. Clerk stated the 60 days is drawing near to appoint a council member which is June 24<sup>th</sup>, council needs to decide, otherwise it will go to a special election, R. Wilslef seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Nate Voss was sworn in by City Clerk, Brenda Tebbe.

Nate Voss immediately took office as council member.

Deputy, Jim Kraker reviewed with the council on the current contract the city has with Jackson County Sheriff Department. The City of Miles currently has a 2 year contract which began on August 15, 2023 with Jackson County Sheriff Department for 10 hours a week, 40 hours a month. Annual cost of \$33700.00. Deputy informed the cost would be going up to \$75.00/hr. in August. Deputy Kraker once again reviewed with the council an option for the city to hire the Jackson County Sheriff Department as "Direct Patrol" The cost would be \$25.00 per capita (408) \$10,200.00. Deputy Kraker also, introduced Preston Police Chief, Chad Gruver. Chad stated Preston and Miles held a 28E Agreement for 23 years until Preston terminated the contract in 2023. He stated he would like to see Preston and Miles enter into a 28E Agreement again. He knows things weren't the best the last couple of years but he feels he can recover the relationship between the two towns. Mayor asked if the city could terminate the contract before the 2 years ended with the Jackson County Sheriff department. Deputy Kraker informed the council the contract could be terminated but it would have to be in writing. Council asked a few other questions. Council decided they would like police protection added to the next agenda. (July 10). Everyone thanked the officers for coming to the meeting.

L. Horst made a motion to approve Jesse's Auto. & Mini Mart cigarette permit, B. Volquardsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

L. Horst made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading of Ord. 24-1, An Ordinance Amending Title VI Mental and Physical Health, Chapter 2 Cemetery, City of Miles Code of Ordinances, seconded by B. Volquardsen. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.(This ordinance was amended address Disinterment.)

L. Horst made a motion to purchase a cement saw and guide for \$1526.32, B. Volquardsen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Before is a resolution is to transfer funds from water to debt service. In 2021 the city had an audit and in that audit the city was written up because the prior clerks didn't pay the water tower loan out of the debt service. And provide a resolution to transfer funds from water to debt service. This resolution before them is following the audit. Clerk's cannot transfer funds until it is approved by city council. B. Volquardsen made a motion to approve Res. 2024-17, A Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to Transfer Funds, N. Voss seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Mayor Meyer added this item to the agenda. He would like the city council to consider revamping the storage container ordinance. Make it so the storage container is all one color, must be placed on a concrete pad, etc. Mayor and clerk will get together to revamp the ordinance and present it at the next council meeting.

Ambulance Service requested that the city to provide an Ordinance enforcing numbering of all buildings. Jesse Jepsen said it makes it difficult at times to find a resident that don't have the numbers on there building. L. Horst made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 24-2, Chapter 17, Numbering of Buildings of the City of Miles Code of Ordinances, R. Wilslef seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Personnel Committee (L. Horst & N. Corlis) informed the council they conducted an employee review as stated in the Employee Handbook after 90 days of a new employee. L. Horst stated Daniel Ernst is doing well in his position,

very knowledgeable, and helping out where ever he is needed. B. Volquardsen made a motion to approve Res. 2024-12, A Resolution setting the salary for City Employee (Daniel Ernst) of the City of Miles for the FY2023-2024, L. Horst seconded the motion. (This raise is .60 cents which is stated in the Employee Handbook after 90 days.) Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

L. Horst made a motion to approve Res. 2024-16, A Resolution authorizing and approving a General Obligation Tractor Acquisition Lease-Purchase Agreement and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same, R. Wilslef seconded the motion. (This Kubota Lease-Purchase Agreement provides for sixty (60) equal monthly lease payment in the amount of \$1266.87 each, a total of \$76,012.20 at the end of 60 months.) Ayes 3, Nays B. Volquardsen.

This Drinking Water State Revolving Fund application is for the Lead Service Line Replacement, which needs council approval. L. Horst made a motion to approve the application for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, N. Voss seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Next regular meeting will be held July 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – N. Voss made a motion to adjourn the meeting, L. Horst seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.