

Miles Special Meeting  
Miles City Hall  
March 22, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Miles City Council met in special session on March 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Miles City Hall. PRESENT: D. Chrest, N. Abernathy, N. Corlis, and M. Leamy. ABSENT: R. Lawrence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council member D. Chrest made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, council member N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

**PUBLIC HEARING: MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS REQUESTED FY2023/2024.**

Mayor Ernst opened the public hearing at 6: 02 p.m. to solicit comments on the City Proposed Maximum Property Tax dollars. The primary purpose of the public hearing is for citizens to voice their objections or concerns. The clerk reported there were no negative comments from citizens present and no objections on file.

Motion by council member M. Leamy and seconded by council member D. Chrest to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. for the Proposed Maximum Property Tax Levy dollars 2023/2024. No citizens comments, verbal or written oppositions were presented. Motion carried by roll call: M. Leamy aye, D. Chrest aye, N. Corlis aye, and N. Abernathy aye. ABSENT: R. Lawrence.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council member M. Leamy made a motion to approve Res. 2023-03, A Resolution approving the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY2023/2024, it was seconded by council member N. Abernathy. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Council member D. Chrest made a motion to approve setting the public hearing to adopt FY2023/2024 Budget on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by council member N. Corlis. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Due to lack of documentations from the City Attorney this matter was tabled.

Due to lack of information on appointing a new City Attorney was tabled.

Mayor Ernst informed the council he had attended the City of Preston council meeting to receive information on the cost for Police Protection from Preston. There was 3 proposal:

- 40 hrs. per month at an average 10 hrs. per week at \$65.00 per hr. \$33,800/yr.
- 80 hrs. per month at an average 20 hrs. per week at \$55.00 per hr. \$52,800/yr.
- 120 hrs. per month at an average 30 hrs. per week at \$50.00 per hr. \$78,000/yr.

Council member M. Leamy inquired what other police protection options does the city have. Mayor Ernst indicated the sheriff department would be \$100.00/hr. After council discussed coverage, cost, and hours, it was the consensus of the council to research other police protection options.

The city had Municipal Pipe & Tool clean sewer lines on the lower side of town. Municipal Pipe & Tool discovered on video foreign material in the sewer line. Council discussed where this maybe coming from and agreed to direct the city clerk to have the city attorney prepare a letter pertaining the requirements of the Ordinance.

Council member M. Leamy made a motion to approve setting a public hearing for the Status of Funded Activities under 20-WS-035 Wastewater Improvement Project on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:05 p.m., it was seconded by N. Abernathy. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City Clerk, Brenda provided a building (deck) permit for their information. Permit meets all requirements.

Maintenance, Paul Maze informed the council the bucket that came with the tractor is too big. But the extra bucket the city has works better. So Paul was wondering if they sell the bigger bucket and get forks for the tractor. Paul contact Jim

Johnson about selling the bigger bucket, and Jim indicated he could find forks in exchange for the bucket. Council member N. Corlis made a motion to even swap the bucket for the forks, it was seconded by council member M. Leamy. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Council discussed the importance of cleaning and inspecting the interior of the water tower. After some discussion, council member M. Leamy made a motion to approve K & W Coatings to clean and inspect the water tower, council member D. Chrest seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0. (This expense will come out of the water dept).

Before the council is quote from Manatts to repair a spot on Ferry Road. Too keep the expense down, Paul will dig out and the required base repair similar to that of the patch they did last year. Then Manatts will come back and patch the asphalt back. Manatts quoted for this repair \$200/ton. Depending on the final size it would take 4-5 ton of asphalt. After some discussion on whether it should be repaired, council member N. Corlis made a motion to approve Paul to prepare the patch for Manatts will them finalizing with asphalt, council member M. Leamy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

The Ordinance amending Automated Traffic Enforcement has been tabled.

ADJOURNMENT - Council member N. Corlis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, council member M. Leamy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.