

MILES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 1, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.  
MILES CITY HALL

Mayor Daniel Ernst called the regular session on November 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. PRESENT: N. Corlis, D. Chrest, R. Lawrence, and N. Abernathy. ABSENT: M. Leamy. Mayor Daniel Ernst presided. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - N. Corlis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by D. Chrest. Motion carried.

Citizens/Public Comments – Brittany Volquardsen approached the council informing them of Nestle Purina would donate towards the Splash Pad, with a few requirements of the donation. Place “Nestle Purina” on a plaque and a letter stating from the city on their intention for the park. Council agreed.

GUESTS: Lori Roling- Zoom, Brittany Volquardsen, Laura Horst, and Paul Maze.

CONSENT AGENDA - N. Abernathy made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the previous meeting, paid, unpaid bills, financial statements, water, sewer, and maintenance reports, seconded by R. Lawrence. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASE.

Mayor Daniel Ernst opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. (motion by D. Chrest, seconded by N. Abernathy) to solicit comments for the proposal to amend sewer rate of the City of Miles. The primary purpose of the public hearing is for citizens to voice their objections or concerns. No citizens comments, verbal or written oppositions were presented. Mayor D. Ernst closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. with no negative comments from citizens present and no objections on file.

Motion by N. Corlis and seconded by N. Abernathy to close the Public Hearing for the proposal to amend sewer rates at 6:07 p.m. No written oppositions were presented. Motion carried.

JACKSON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Lori Roling, Jackson County Zoning Administrator is reaching out to cities in Jackson County to assist in getting information to residents about the Comprehensive Plan Survey. The goal is to have 820 survey responses and is currently around 400. She stressed the need for all residents, especially those under the age of 40 to take part in the survey and all residents to express their vision and needs. There will be a QR Code available on the City’s Facebook page and website.

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS: At the last council meeting, mandating replacement of sidewalks was discussed. Council requested a survey of city sidewalks that need to be replaced as well as cost. Paul indicated he would try and get a cost for budget purposes and present it at the next council meeting.

DRAINAGE REPAIR: The mayor and Paul visited the site at 442 Ferry Road (PMC) and discussed possible solution to repair the drainage problem. Owner, Warren Moeller indicated he would approve the city to make the necessary repairs to avoid the water running into this building. Council stated the Warren (owner) of the business would be required to sign a statement of approval. After a brief discussion, the council table this matter until the city to seek a bid for this project.

Ordinance 2023-07, N. Corlis made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2023-07, An Ordinance Amending Title VI Physical Environment, Chapter 5 Utilities-Billing Charges in the Miles, Iowa Code of Ordinances, N. Abernathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

N. Corlis made a motion to suspend the rules requiring an Ordinance be voted on a passage two council meetings prior to this meeting with respect to Ordinance 2023-07, D. Chrest seconded the motion. Motion carried.

N. Corlis made a motion for final passage and adoption with respect to Ordinance 2023-07, An Ordinance Amending Title VI Physical Environment, Chapter 5 Utilities- Billing Charges in the Miles, Iowa Code of Ordinances, N. Abernathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONNOLLY CONSTRUCTION - D. Chrest made a motion to approve payment to Connolly Construction for the Wastewater Facility Project in the amount of \$86,594.06, N. Abernathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIRING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE - Mayor Ernst approached the council on the idea of hiring another full-time employee. Ernst stated several years ago we had two full-time employees, a part-time and summer help. With only having 1 full-time employee that doesn't have the opportunity to use his vacation or comp time, Mayor Ernst feels it's time to consider hiring another full-time employee, but the requirements need to have water, wastewater certification license or ability to obtain them. After some discussion on the requirements of the ad. N. Abernathy made a motion to hire another full-time employee, N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LEASE NEW TRACTOR - Council has been discussing purchasing a new tractor, (Kubota R640R3 with 10' snow push and 2 year extended warranty) after some research Kunau's provided an option for the city to lease the tractor from them. This unit will be sold with a five year municipal lease with a fixed buyout at the end of the of the lease. The monthly payments will be approx. \$1486.00 for 60 months. Question was brought up if the payment would increase if extended hours were put on the tractor. Paul contacted Mike (Kunau's) and found payments would not increase due extended hours. N. Abernathy made a motion to lease the new Kubota tractor from Kunau's, N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MILES MANOR - N. Abernathy made a motion to move forward with the wheel chair accessibility at the Miles Manor, N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BACKUP PUMP – At the last couple meetings it's been discussed to purchase a backup pump for the lagoon. Paul indicated that if the city approves the purchase, Quality Flow Systems will rotate the pumps every year so that one pump isn't always sitting on the shelf. N. Abernathy made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> backup pump from Quality Flow, R. Lawrence seconded by motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-18 – N. Corlis made a motion to approve Res. 2023-18, A Resolution 2023-18 for Approval of City Entering into Loan Agreement, N. Abernathy seconded by the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Ernst announced the next meeting will be December 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - Mayor Ernst asked for a motion to adjourned. N. Abernathy made that motion, seconded by R. Lawrence. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER AGREE.	68.57
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	205.15
BADRICKS' SERVICE & SALES	STRAIGHTEN DECK OUT	197.89
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	775.36
IPERS	IPERS	610.49
JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF	SEPT 1-SEPT 30	2,931.50
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CH	ZONE MARKING PAINT RED	617.8
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE	PAINT/HYDRANTS,TOOLS	147.37
MILES TELEPHONE CO.	INTERNET/PHONE	167.2
PRESTON READY MIX	ROCK-SHED	525.98
PRESTON TIMES	MINUTES, EXPENDITURES	194.14
SCHOENTHLER,BARTELT,KAHLER & R	SIDEWALKS	60
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAXES	85.12

WASTE AUTHORITY OF JACKSON CTY	OCT-DEC 2023 LANDFILL ASSET.	1,344.36
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	3,119.80
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		11,050.73
ROAD USE TAX		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	575.28
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	303.51
IPERS	IPERS	244.87
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAXES	27.22
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	1247.05
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL		2397.93
28E RUT		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	575.27
28E RUT TOTAL		575.27
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
AAA BUDGET ENVIRONMENTAL INC	ASBESTOS REMOVAL	6,247.00
ECON. DEVELOPMENT TOTAL		6,247.00
DEBT SERVICE		
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	PRIN/INTEREST	1,679.60
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL		1,679.60
WATER FUND		
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER AGREE.	34.28
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	799.66
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	744.18
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP DUE	305
IPERS	IPERS	557.76
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	NAPA MINI BULBS	1.04
MASTER CARD	DBQ FALL CONFERENCE	85
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE	PAINT/HYDRANTS,TOOLS	661.05
PRESTON READY MIX	GRANT STREET- 1'CLEAN	4,388.48
QCANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	TOTAL COLIFORM	25
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAX	83.36
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2789.68
WATER FUND TOTAL		10474.49
SEWER FUND		
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER AGREE.	34.28
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	1,288.38
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	668.92
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	WASTEWATER TREAT. SIGN	134.2
IPERS	IPERS	502.06
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	NAPA MINI BULBS	1.04
MASTER CARD	DBQ FALL CONFERENCE	85
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE	PAINT/HYDRANTS,TOOLS	96.99
QCANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	WASTEWATER TEST	520
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAX	75.35
CONNOLLY CONSTRUCTION	WASTEWATER PAY'T #18	86,594.06
ECIA	WASTEWATER TREAT.	721.79
JCLL ENTERPRISES	WASTEWATER SYSTEM	1,000.00
ORIGIN DESIGN	WASTEWATER TREAT.	4,897.00

EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2,514.01
SEWER FUND TOTAL		99,133.08
CEMETERY-MUN ENTERPRISE		
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	219.26
IPERS	IPERS	189.69
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAXES	15.69
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	987.45
CEM. MUN. ENTER. TOTAL		1412.09
Accounts Payable Total		132,970.19
OCTOBER REVENUES		
GENERAL FUND		43071.78
ROAD USE TAX		2992.43
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TOTAL		1999.49
ECON. DEVELOPMENT		1876.49
WATER FUND		8726.75
SEWER FUND		84397.11
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT		200
REVENUES TOTAL		143264.05