

MILES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
MILES CITY HALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Nancy Corlis called the regular session on October 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. PRESENT: D. Chrest, N. Corlis, R. Lawrence, N. Abernathy, and M. Leamy. Mayor Pro-Tem Nancy Corlis presided until 6:10 p.m. and then Mayor Daniel Ernst presided. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Council member D. Chrest made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, council member N. Abernathy second the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUESTS: Paul Maze, Olivia Abernathy and Rhonda Eickert.

CONSENT AGENDA – Council member M. Leamy made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the previous meeting, paid, unpaid bills, financial statements, water, sewer, maintenance reports, council member R. Lawrence. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASE.

Mayor Pro-Tem N. Corlis opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. (motion by council member D. Chrest, seconded by council member R. Lawrence) 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. City Clerk, Brenda Tebbe informed the mayor and council she had a visit from concerned citizen. He read the amount of the increase in the newsletter of a \$1.00 and stopped to verify of the increase.. Brenda confirmed his question. Mayor Pro-Tem N. Corlis closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. with no negative comments from citizens present and no objections on file.

Motion by N. Abernathy and seconded by council member M. Leamy to close the Public Hearing for the proposal to amend sewer rates at 6:05 p.m. No written oppositions were presented. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Mayor Ernst entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and took over the meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT - Paul Maze informed the mayor and council that Connolly Construction is installing pipe on the south side of the lagoon getting ready to connect. Fence should be installed this week. The city is officially no longer non-compliance with the water or sewer. Black Hills Energy has disconnected the gas to 346 Ferry Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor and council discussed date and times of “Trick or Treating”. Council member N. Abernathy suggested to change the time to Friday, October 27th since there’s no school, so the we don’t compete with the other towns. Sabula is Sat. 28th, Preston is Sunday, 29th. After some discussion on times, council agreed to have trick or treating on Friday, October 27th, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Clerk stated she would put out flyers and contact the school and post it on Facebook.

City Clerk was approached by a resident, requesting whatever happened to mandating those resident to replace there poor sidewalks. After clerk research his request, clerk found that several years ago the council sent out letters to residents that had poor sidewalks, mandating them to replace them. Some of the residents replaced them, other’s didn’t. Council stated if the city council decides to pursue this issue, the city needs to replace there poor sidewalks as well. Council member D. Chrest commented the cost to replace the city sidewalks is not in the budget for this year, maybe this is something we can address at budget time. Council agreed. Council member M. Leamy requested a report on city sidewalks that need to be replace, as well as residents. This will be tabled until the next the meeting. (November 1.)

City Clerk was approached by a resident on how bad the dust was after Paul filled pot holes with rock on a seal coated street. (Section Rd). Since the city don’t have the money in the budget to repair this section, council decided they would put dust control on that portion next spring. Hopefully this will prevent the dust for the residents. Council agreed to address this at budget time.

Council member N. Corlis made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-07, An Ordinance Amending Title VI Physical Environment, Chapter 5 Utilities-Billing Charges in the Miles, Iowa Code of Ordinances, council member N. Abernathy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Council member N. Abernathy made a motion to approve payment #17 to Connolly Construction in the amount of \$70,986.40, council member D. Chrest seconded the motion. Motin carried. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Up for discussion, is a request to purchase a new tractor. Council member N. Abernathy and Maintenance employee, Paul Maze discussed some of the options this tractor was presented to the mayor and council. Council member M. Leamy questioned where this expense would come from. Clerk reported the only way the city could afford this expense would be monthly payments. Paul Maze indicated he would discuss with Kunau's on a purchase agreement.

Council member D. Chrest left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Wheel chair accessibility at the Miles Manor was tabled until Paul can receive a bid for the concrete work.

Maintenance person Paul Maze discussed with the council and the need for a 3rd pump/backup for the lagoon. If the current pump fails at the lagoon this 3rd pump would save travel time and cost. Mayor and council agreed to purchase this 3rd pump/backup with the understanding from the company the city could pay this expense in July 2024.

Next regular council meeting November 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment - Council member N. Abernathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by council member N. Corlis. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

OCTOBER EXPENSES 2023	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND	REFERENCE	
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER AGREEMENT	81.56
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	259.74
BLACKHILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	75.46
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	518.61
IPERS	IPERS	405.81
JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF	2 WEEKS POLICE PROTECTION	1,859.00
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	DIESEL,GAS,REPAIRS	638.58
MASTER CARD	GTRADE, KEY TAGS	48.49
MIDWEST PATCH	4-NO PARKING, 3 NO PARKING	85
MILES TELEPHONE CO.	INTERNET/PHONE	165.78
PRESTON READY MIX	EROSION STONE	12.46
PRESTON TIMES	ORD,MINUTES,EXPEND.PUBLIC HEAR	413.51
REPUBLIC SERVICES #897	GARB. COLLECTION	4,316.03
RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL MGN SECURITY	62.5
SCHOENTHLER,BARTELT,KAHLER & R	TRAFFIC ENFORCE.	40
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAX	56.91
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2039.36
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		11078.8
ROAD USE TAX		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	579.07
BEHN STUMP GRINDING	5 STUMPS REMOVED	254.5
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	216.99

IPERS	IPERS	173.43
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	DIESEL,GAS,REPAIRS	426.38
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAX	19.82
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	880.91
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL		2551.1
28E RUT		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	579.06
BEHN STUMP GRINDING	5 STUMPS REMOVED	254.5
283 RUT TOTAL		833.56
DEBT SERVICE		
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	PRIN/INTEREST PAYMENT	1,679.60
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL		1,679.60
WATER FUND		
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER AGREEMENT	40.78
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	529.93
BLACKHILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	37.73
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	490.51
EASTERN IOWA PLUMBING & H	WATER SAMPLE STATION PARK	2,465.70
HAWKINS, INC.	AZONE	522.81
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RES	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE	115
IOWA ONE CALL	EMAIL - ONE CALLS	23.4
IPERS	IPERS	366.89
KEENEY WELDING	MADE WATER SHUT OFF	108.36
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE	CUPBRUSH,RUSTPAINT ORANGE	87.52
QCANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	WATER - COLIFORM	25
RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL MGN SECURITY	31.25
TREASURER OF STATE	WATER EXCISE TAX	496.81
USA BLUE BOOK	HACH DR900 COLORIMETER	3,473.79
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	1,818.75
WATER FUND TOTAL		10,634.23
SEWER FUND		
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COPIER AGREEMENT	40.79
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	1,693.21
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	314.89
IPERS	IPERS	236.91
PRESTON TIMES	ORD,MINUTES,EXPEND.PUBLIC HEAR	8.49
QCANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	WASTEWATER TSS CBOD TEST	750
RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL MGN SECURITY	31.25
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAX	36.17
CONNOLLY CONSTRUCTION	#17 TO WASTEWATER PROJECT	70,986.40
JCLL ENTERPRISES	WASTE WATER OPERATIONS	1,000.00
ORIGIN DESIGN	WASTEWATER TREAT. FACILITY2020	2,131.50
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	1,175.53
SEWER FUND TOTAL		78,405.14
CEMETERY-MUN. ENTERPRISE		

CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	286.81
IPERS	IPERS	230.43
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	DIESEL,GAS,REPAIRS	212.51
MIDWEST PATCH	SIGNS	65
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAXES	25.84
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	1175.15
CEMETERY-MUN ENTERPRISE TOTAL		1995.74
Accounts Payable Total		117,809.30
REVENUES- SEPTEMBER 2023		
GENERAL FUND		18442.71
ROAD USE TAX		4164.26
EMPLOYEES BENEFIT		433.87
28E RUT		5346.73
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		2314.19
PERPETUAL CARE		200
WATER FUND		7664.05
SEWER FUND		78451.91
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT		200
CEMETERY-MUN ENTERPRISE		800
TOTAL OF ALL REVENUES		118017.72