



CITY OF MILES CITY

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM

City Council Chambers and online at zoom.us

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Andrews called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Dwayne Andrews
Councilmember Ed Pulecio
Councilmember Rick Huber
Councilmember Kevin Thomason
Councilmember Don Simpson
Councilmember Sherwood McKay
Councilmember Dan Scott
Councilmember Brooke Bartholomew

ABSENT

Councilmember Brant Kassner

Also present were Interim Fire Chief Ed Kanduch, Police Chief Doug Colombik, Human Resources Officer Mara Lovett, Dispatch Director Lyne Anderson, and City Clerk/Minute Recorder Mary Rowe.

1. REQUEST OF CITIZENS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES/COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Motion made by Councilmember Bartholomew, Seconded by Councilmember Pulecio.

Councilmember McKay noted that on page six, paragraph three, covenants was spelled incorrectly and it needed to be corrected.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

3. SCHEDULE MEETINGS

Custer County Commission meeting regarding parks district on 10/15/25 @ 12pm at the Courthouse.

Finance Committee Meeting 10/16/25 @ 5:30pm

4. STAFF REPORTS

Director Anderson explained that the state 911 is offering grants for equipment and she intends to apply for approximately \$98,000 to support three radio consoles.

A. BUILDING DEPARTMENT

5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

6. MAYOR COMMENTS

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 4644 - A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST POLICY FOR THE CITY OF MILES CITY

Mayor Andrews opened the public hearing, called for opponents three times and proponents three times, hearing none, the hearing was closed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 4644 - (*second reading*) A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST POLICY FOR THE CITY OF MILES CITY

Motion made by Councilmember McKay, Seconded by Councilmember Simpson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 1399 - (*first reading*) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY, MONTANA, REVISING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY TO REFLECT THE ANNEXATION OF ALL LOTS ON THE PLAT OF LAST CHANCE SUBDIVISION, INCLUDING ALL STREETS, AVENUES AND RIGHTS-OF WAYS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT.

Motion made by Councilmember Pulecio, Seconded by Councilmember Simpson.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

- B. RESOLUTION NO. 4647 - A RESOLUTION REVISING CITY OF MILES CITY PERSONNEL POLICIES REGARDING NON-UNION WAGE SCALE MATRIX (*Human Resources Committee recommends approving*)

Motion made by Councilmember McKay, Seconded by Councilmember Bartholomew.

Officer Lovett explained that this would be changing non-union step increases to occur on their anniversary date instead of on July 1st. She further noted that all of the union employees are already setup to change on their anniversary date so this makes it uniform across the board.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

- C. RESOLUTION NO. 4648 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILES CITY AND THE LOCAL NO. 283-A UNION.

Motion made by Councilmember Bartholomew, Seconded by Councilmember Pulecio.

Councilperson Huber asked who all was in the negotiations. Officer Lovett explained the union representative Hannah Nash, union president Carl Raymond, and 3 union members along with herself, Mayor Andrews, Clerk Rowe, Director Malenovsky, and Director Speelmon.

Clerk Rowe noted that all of the changes to the contract are tracked in the packet with additional notes in the margins.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

- D. RESOLUTION NO. 4649 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILES CITY AND THE AFSCME LOCAL NO. 283-B UNION.

Motion made by Councilmember McKay, Seconded by Councilmember Huber.

Councilmember Huber again asked who was in the negotiations. Officer Lovett stated the union representative Hannah Nash, union president Leif Davis, union members, herself, Mayor Andrews, Clerk Rowe, Chief Colombik, Captain Sloan, and Director Anderson.

Clerk Rowe noted that all of the changes to the contract are tracked in the packet with additional notes in the margins.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

- E. Approval to add a mechanical inspection service to the building department.

Motion made by Councilmember Huber, Seconded by Councilmember Thomason.

Inspector Martinsen explained that this is just getting approval to move forward with adding mechanical inspections to the building department.

Attorney Rice also noted that the state recommends adding fuel gas code along with the mechanical code and that an Ordinance will be presented at the next meeting reflecting the additions to the building department and the code.

Councilmember Huber stated that Inspector Martinsen had called each of the councilmembers in advance to explain what this is and how it effects the building department.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

- F. Approval to renew Fire Department \$1,000,000 CD at Stockman Bank for an additional 5 month period.

Mayor Andrews corrected the verbiage on the agenda item to state move the \$1,000,000 to the STIP account instead of purchasing a CD.

Clerk Rowe explained that the request was misunderstood, and that interim Chief Kanduch had requested to move the matured CD money (\$1,000,000) to the short term investment pool (STIP) account where the remainder of the Fire Department Bond money is currently housed.

Motion made by Councilmember Huber, Seconded by Councilmember Simpson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

- G. Approve September Claims

Motion made by Councilmember Huber, Seconded by Councilmember McKay.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

- H. KEEP, CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2025 (VETERANS DAY).

Councilmember McKay moved to reschedule the meeting to Monday November 10th, 2025 at 6pm, Seconded by Councilmember Bartholomew.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

10. ADJOURNMENT

Public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of this meeting can be presented under Request of Citizens, provided it is within the jurisdiction of the City to address. Public comment will be entered into the minutes of this meeting. The City Council cannot take any action on a matter unless notice of the matter has been made on an agenda and an opportunity for public comment has been allowed on the matter. Public matter does not include contested cases and other adjudicative proceedings

Motion made by Councilmember Bartholomew, Seconded by Councilmember McKay.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulecio, Councilmember Huber, Councilmember Thomason, Councilmember Simpson, Councilmember McKay, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Bartholomew

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm