

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
MILES CITY HALL

Mayor Brandon Meyer called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. PRESENT: N. Voss, L. Horst, N. Corlis, and A. Petersen. ABSENT: R. Wilslef. Mayor Brandon Meyer presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – N. Corlis made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, A. Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Mayor Meyer entered the meeting.

GUESTS: Jesse Jepsen, Owen Eads, Todd Volquardsen, Steve McCloy, Officer Adam McPherson, Carla Jochum, Dennis Johnson, and Paul Maze.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENT – Associates Insurance Counselor Agent, Larry Hand presented the ICAP Annual Renewal insurance for the City of Miles. Larry explained the increase in General Liability was very little and a separate line item was added for Cyber Liability. ICAP provided a Cyber questionnaire for Brenda to complete and email back to ICAP, which includes \$250,000 coverage for \$152.00. Larry informed the council he had looked into raising the deductible, but it didn't make a difference in the long run. None of the members have received a credit since the derecho. Larry also mentioned, make sure the city takes advantage of the ICAP Grant (\$1000.00). Council thanked Larry for coming and presenting the renewal.

CONSENT AGENDA – N. Voss made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes of the previous meeting, paid, unpaid, financial statements, water, sewer, maintenance, and police report, it was seconded by N. Corlis Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

APRIL EXPENDITURES+A1:C71		
GENERAL FUND	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
563 LLC JAKE'S LIQUIDATION	FLAME CABINET-ICAP	465
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	391.3
AT DISPOSAL	GARBAGE/RECYCLING	4,052.43
BLACKHILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	246.06
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	1,393.77
IPERS	IPERS	1,056.51
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	FUEL/REPAIR TRUCK	18.35
LOGAN CRAM	USED COMPACTOR-WILSON ST	25
MASTER CARD	GOLF STICKERS,BATTERY/PUMP	64.71
MILES POST OFFICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	40
MILES TELEPHONE CO.	PHONE/INTERNET	159.78
PETERSHEIM CONSTRUCTION	FINAL PAY'T-CH & SHED	7,100.00
PRESTON READY MIX	1' CLEAN	63.75
PRESTON TIMES	MINUTES, EXPEND.,PH FY	327.52
RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL/AP SECURITY	62.5
TREASURER OF STATE	SALES TAX	222.91
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	5346.45

GENERAL FUND TOTAL		21036.04
ROAD USE FUND		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	551.48
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	510.78
IPERS	IPERS	385.41
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAXES	42.76
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	1929.89
ROAD USE FUND TOTAL		3420.32
28E RUT FUND		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	551.48
28E FUND TOTAL		551.48
DEBT SERVICE		
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	PRIN/INTEREST	1,431.59
KUBOTA CREDIT CORP. USA	TRACTOR PAYMENT	1,266.87
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL		2,698.46
WATER FUND		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	566.83
BLACKHILLS ENERGY	NATURAL GAS	56.77
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	892.15
GRUHN ELECTRIC	WELL GROUDNING-PARK WELL HOUSE	570.12
HAWKINS, INC.	AZONE	226.73
IAMU	2025-2026 WATER MEM DUES	703
IPERS	IPERS	671.41
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	FUEL/REPAIR TRUCK	354.04
PAUL MAZE	MILEAGE FOR SAMPLES	107.8
MILES POST OFFICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	40
QUILL CORPORATION	DESK CALENDAR	8.99
RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL/AP SECURITY	31.25
TEST INC	IRON/QCAS-MEATALS PREP	367
TREASURER OF STATE	WET EXCISE TAX	555.11
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	3329.96
WATER FUND TOTAL		8481.16
SEWER FUND		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	228.57
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAXES	724.54
IPERS	IPERS	552.78
JESSE'S AUTOMOTIVE & MINI	FUEL/REPAIR TRUCK	354.04
MILES POST OFFICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	40
RIPEVA LLC	FIREWALL/AP SECURITY	31.25
TREASURER OF STATE	SALES TAX	316.96
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	2756.6
SEWER FUND TOTAL		5004.74
CEMETERY-MUN. ENTERPRISE		
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK	FED/FICA TAX	133.68
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION	FILE CEMETERY REPORT	41

IPERS	IPERS	92.33
TREASURER OF STATE	STATE TAX	20.17
EMPLOYEES	SALARIES	441.15
CEMETERY-MUN. ENTERPRISE TOTAL		728.33
MARCH EXPENDITURES		41,920.53
MARCH REVENUES 2025		
GENERAL FUND		78583.66
ROAD USE FUND		2420.99
EMPLOYEES BENEFIT		546.68
28E RUT		4731.39
EMERGENCY MGT		32.94
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		2004.26
WATER FUND		9848.45
SEWER FUND		22285.69
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT		200
CEMETERY-MUN ENTERPRISE		400
TOTAL REVENUES		121054.06

MAINTENANCE REPORT - Maintenance report was reviewed and put on file. Paul informed the council he will be taking the snowplow over to Morrison to get an estimate on the frame. It's twisted and cracked. He will also be ordering a new water meter for Well #2.

CLERK'S REPORT – Storm drain bids are due May 2, City received DNR grant money, and JCRTTP grant was submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

N. Voss suggested has the city ever gone out for bids on city insurance. Clerk informed Nate that there are very few insurance companies that provides city insurance, but she will check into it for next year before the renewal. L. Horst made a motion to approve the ICAP Annual Renewal for the City of Miles, A. Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes, Nays 0.

Up for discussion and consideration is a request from Carol Dion to lift a portion of utility penalties at 24 Section Road. After the mayor and council L. Horst state that the clerk has gone above and beyond to help these families despite the financial issues they have faced. However, she has also given them every opportunity to seek additional assistance. The mayor also stated that if the city does for her, a standard has been set, and they will have to do the same for other residents. N. Corlis stated I don't feel we need to lift the penalties. No motion was made.

Council discussed the recommendations from the Office of Ombudsman. A couple of her recommendations were changing the Ordinance of the 10% penalty of the unpaid balance to possible 1.5% compound or higher rate (such as 5%) applied as a one-time fee, not compounded. Also, the city should revise its disconnection notice to include language regarding a customer's right to request a hearing as the Ordinance states. Clerk informed the council she will be sending a different Final Notice to delinquent customers, which will include requesting a hearing. No motion was made to any other recommendations of the Office of Ombudsman.

A motion was made by L. Horst to approve Res. 2025-08, A Resolution regarding the Collection of Payment for City Utilities and to Abate Nuisances and Enforce Ordinances, it was seconded by N. Voss. Motion carried. Ayes: L. Horst, ayes: N. Voss, ayes: N. Corlis, ayes: A. Petersen. Nays 0.

Council discussed the Spring Newsletter and setting a date for the Spring Cleanup. Clerk reported AT Disposal contract states they will provide 2 (TWO) 3- yard roll-off containers for yearly clean up free of charge. The clean-up will be during the week from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Dates will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Paul Maze approached the council requesting the council to approve the funds for engineering fees to compile estimates for replacement of water mains, hydrants for the ECIA grant. After a brief discussion, Paul was directed to contact Origin Designs to obtain an upfront dollar amount to begin compiling estimates for the replacement of water mains, and hydrants.

Mayor Meyer has received multiple complaints regarding a safety hazard at the intersection of Forrest Street and Ferry Road. Specifically, drivers stopped at the Forrest St. stop sign are having difficulty seeing oncoming traffic from the south due to parked vehicles between Forrest St. and Centennial St. Following consultation with the Preston Police Department, their recommendation is to install a “No Parking” sign in this area to improve visibility and enhance safety. N. Voss made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 02-2025, An Ordinance Amending Title III, Chapter 3 Community Protection Traffic Code of the City of Miles Code of Ordinance by Amending Section 3-3-36 Limited Parking Zone, N. Corlis seconded the motion. Ayes: N. Voss, ayes: N. Corlis, ayes: L. Horst, ayes: A. Petersen. Nays 0. Motion carried.

L. Horst made a motion to set the public hearing and adoption of FY25/26 City Budget for Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., A. Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

N. Corlis made a motion to approve setting a public hearing for Budget Amendment FY2024/2025, (Wednesday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m.), N. Voss seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Mayor Meyer informed the council the city has received the DNR Grant money for 346 Ferry Road. Brandon thought by repurposing the space at 346 Ferry Road, but discovered water access is a challenge for a community garden. He stated if anyone else has any recommendations to contact him or city hall.

Mayor Meyer announced there will be a Special Meeting Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for the adoption of FY2025/2026 City Budget.

ADJOURNMENT - L. Horst made a motion to adjourn the meeting, N. Voss seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.