

*SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
May 14, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
MILES CITY HALL*

Mayor Brandon Meyer called the special council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. N. Voss, L. Horst, N. Corlis, and R. Wilslef were present. ABSENT: A. Petersen. Mayor Brandon Meyer presided.

Agenda: The agenda was approved unanimously.

Guests: Several individuals were present, including Glen Mommsen, D. Chrest, Dennis Johnson, and Paul Maze.

Public Hearing: A public hearing was held specifically for the FY2025/2026 Budget Adoption. It was opened at 6:00 p.m. and closed at 6:52 p.m.

During the public hearing, Mr. Mommsen presented several concerns based on his research into city finances. He noted that between 2019 and 2025, state-wide expenses increased by 45%, while the City of Miles experienced a 54% increase—9% higher than the state average. Mr. Mommsen questioned what the city intends to do with the additional funds. According to his calculations, the city currently holds a surplus of \$250,000, suggesting there was no need to raise taxes. The mayor and council informed him about the additional surplus the city needs to match the grant for the water meter and water main improvement project. Mr. Mommsen believes that, with the additional funds available, the city should move forward with the installation of water meters and apply for the grant to fund water main improvements.

Mr. Mommsen also raised questions about the Road Use Fund, which receives approximately \$65,000 annually. Over six years, that would total around \$390,000. He asked why more street repairs have not been completed with those funds. The mayor clarified that while the Road Use Fund receives revenue annually, it also incurs regular expenses, with approximately \$51,000 spent each year. Additionally, in 2022, the city undertook a street improvement project totaling \$125,000.

Closing the Hearing:

A motion to close the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. was made by R. Wilslef and seconded by N. Voss. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Wilslef – Aye, Voss – Aye, Horst – Aye, Corlis – Aye.

Motion carried.

New Business

A motion was made by L. Horst to approve the adoption of Resolution 2025-09, the Budget and Certification of City Taxes for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The motion was seconded by N. Corlis. Motion carried. Roll call vote: Horst – Aye; Corlis – Aye; Voss – Aye; Wilslef – Aye.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the City Council, N. Voss made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by R. Wilslef. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Brandon Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda L Tebbe, City Clerk