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FOR SALE
Assorted size flower pots. Make an offer. Call before you come over. 563-689-6252

EASTON VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Has the following opening

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ROUTE DRIVER
ACTIVITY DAY ROUTE DRIVER
SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER**

If interested, please contact AMBER CHERAMY at amber.cheramy@eastonvalleycsd.com

**Easton Valley Community School District
321 W. School Street
Preston, IA 52069
EOE/AA**



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Clinton County Secondary Road Department has a job opening for a **Motor Grader Operator** out of DeWitt. The online application and job description can be accessed at: <https://www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/employment> HS Graduate or GED and Class B CDL are required. EEO



EASTON VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Has the following opening

**Elementary Music Teacher
HS & Elementary Paraprofessionals
At Risk Coordinator**

If interested, please contact Mr. Austin Daniels at austin.daniels@eastonvalleycsd.com

Easton Valley Community School District 439 Wilson Street Miles, IA 52064 EOE/AA

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LPN or RN Nurse Position
Open 2pm-10pm Monday-Thursday

Will work under the supervision of the Director of Nursing. The ideal candidate will be experienced in providing diverse basic care to those who need it while remaining patient and calm. This is a rewarding job in a home-like Nursing Home Environment. Come join our team!

Apply online at www.millvalleycarecenter.com

LEGALS

time because of the requirements of the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

WORK SESSION:

- Zoning Ordinance Update Project.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

NEXT MEETING: ADJOURNMENT

This notice is given pursuant to Chapter 21, Code of Iowa and applicable local regulations of Jackson County. If you have any questions or comments concerning this notice, please contact Lori Roling, Zoning Administrator, Jackson County Courthouse, 201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa, (563) 652-4512, loroling@jacksoncounty.iowa.gov

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

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

Agenda: The agenda was approved unanimously.

GUESTS: Several individuals were present, including Carla Jochum, Dennis Johnson, Officer Adam McPherson, Larry & Vicki Johnson, and Paul Maze.

Citizens/Public Comments – Bryson Winsky

Bryson, a representative from Origins Designs, addressed the council and provided a detailed explanation of the phases planned by the city to improve water mains and install water meters. Bryson raised a valid concern regarding streets serviced by 4-inch water mains, highlighting the potential inadequacy of these lines in delivering sufficient water volume and pressure in the event of a fire. Modern fire safety standards typically recommend a minimum of 6-inch mains in residential areas to ensure adequate supply for fire suppression efforts. The limited capacity of 4-inch mains could hinder firefighting operations, especially when multiple hydrants are activated simultaneously. This issue is especially relevant when evaluating older infrastructure in areas experiencing growth or redevelopment. To manage costs and implementation, the proposed improvements are divided into two phases.

* Phase I: Installation of residential water meters and replacement of the most deteriorated water mains and

valves.

- * Phase 2: Replacement of remaining water mains nearing the end of their service life.

Estimated project cost are:

- * Phase 1: \$749,000
- * Phase 2: \$861,000

* Estimated annual operations and maintenance costs for Phase I are \$7000.

The City plans to finance Phase I through a low-interest State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and potential Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. SRF Loan options include a standard 2-year loan at 2.8% interest and an extended 30-year loan at 3.8%. Without grant funding, estimated annual debt service ranges from \$106,189 to \$122,828. With a \$500,000 CDBG grant, annual payments would be reduced to \$70,833-\$82,715.

Water rates will need to increase to support the additional debt service and O&M costs. Depending on final financing and grant awards, monthly user rates are projected to rise by approximately \$33 to \$52 per month. Bryson explained that all of this information is required of the CDBG application, which mandates that a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) be prepared and submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for approval.

The Mayor and Council inquired whether the city would be obligated to complete all phases once the PER is submitted to the DNR. Bryson clarified that the city is not obligated to complete all phases; the extent of the work will depend on the grants awarded. Mayor and council thanked Bryson for attending and providing the information.

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 A. Petersen. Motion carried. Ayes, 4, Nays 0.

Clerk reported the city was awarded the \$25,000.00 from the Jackson County Transportation Program. These funds will be used for Section, Adams, Prairie, Frahm Streets.

Maintenance Report – Paul informed the council that four trees have been removed. He mentioned the possibility of renting a stump grinder attachment for the city's tractor rather than hiring an outside contractor for stump removal. Discussion also took place regarding the potential replacement of the lawn mower, which may be included in next year's budget. Additionally, Paul addressed some safety concerns involving Mediacom and telephone lines breaking and causing issues for residents.

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NEW BUSINESS

Andy Petersen made a motion to approve Res. 2025-12, A Resolution authorizing a credit to a resident utility account at 352 Ferry Road, N. Corlis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0. The reason for the credit is that the owner/resident was billed when the service should have been shut off for non-payment; however, it remained active because there was a tenant residing in the building.

The mayor and city maintenance personnel inspected the deteriorated spots currently present on Wilson & Orson Street. After some discussion, the mayor authorized city maintenance to obtain a couple of bids to repair the street's current condition. After some clarification of the additional cost, L. Horst made a motion to approve additional \$18850.00 (Wilson & Orson St.) from L.L. Pelling, Inc. A. Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

The mayor expressed concern about adding an additional \$33 cost to residents. If the application is approved by the DNR, the City will need to evaluate the project and potentially scale down the phase to reduce the financial impact on residents. Council agreed. N. Voss made a motion to approve the Preliminary Engineering Report for Funding Application; N. Corlis seconded the motion. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

L. Horst made a motion to approve the building permit for 549 Grant Street, seconded by N. Voss. The application meets all the ordinance requirements. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

N. Corlis made a motion to approve the building permit for 72 Prairie Drive, seconded by A. Petersen. The application meets all the ordinance requirements. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

L. Horst made a motion to approve Res. 2025-13, A Resolution to rescind a previously adoption motion regarding a property lien at 352 Ferry Road, it was seconded by N. Voss. The council needed to rescind the previously approved property lien due to owner/resident was billed when the service should have been shut off for non-payment. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

N. Voss made a motion to

approve Res. 2025-14, A Resolution regarding the Collection of Payment for City Utilities and to Abate Nuisances and Enforce Ordinances, it was seconded by N. Corlis. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Mayor announced the next regular council meeting will be August 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - L. Horst made a motion to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by N. Corlis. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Brandon Meyer, Mayor
Brenda L. Tebbe, City Clerk

City of Miles Expenditures July 2, 2025 – 6pm meeting Miles City Hall

ACCESS SYSTEMS
COPIER AGREEMENT90.35
AG VANTAGE
GRAZON.....255.09
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRIC BILL.....252.67
AT DISPOSAL
GARBAGE/RECYCLING.....4064.88
BADRICKS
OIL FILTER84.02
BLACKHILLS ENERGY
GAS.....86.18
ECIA
DUES318.24
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES
MEMBERSHIP DUES510
JESSE'S AUTO & MINI MART
TIRES, FUEL, ICE377.5
MASTERCARD
POST CARD STAMPS.....112
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE
BATTERIES, PAINT, HAMMER/DRILL, ETC.....93.92
MILES TELEPHONE CO.
PHONE/INTERNET.....159.78
PRESTON TIMES
MINUTES, EXPEND.....50.35
RIPEVA LLC
FIREWALL PROTECTION.....62.5
RITEWAY
LASTER UTILITY BILLS.....243.44
SCHOENTHALER, KAHLER & REICKS
NUSINANCE M. VANKAMPEN.....40
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA
WET EXCISE TAX, SALES TAX64.05
TRENKAMP ELECTRIC
BUCKET TRUCK RENTAL.....50
563 LL JAKE'S LIQUIDATION
FLAMMABLE CABINET.....350
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK
FED/FICA TAXES.....1079.98
IPERS
IPERS.....1245.5
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA
STATE TAX.....105.11

EMPLOYEES
SALARIES.....6666.71
TOTAL GENERAL FUND.....16362.27
ROAD USE
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRIC BILL.....553.65
TOTAL ROAD USE.....553.65
28E RUT FUND
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRIC BILL.....553.65
TOTAL 28E RUT.....553.65
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
JCATA
TOURISM GRANT DOLLARS.....60
GREAT RIVER THRESHER
FIREWORKS.....1000
TOTAL ECON. DEVELOPMENT...1060
DEBT SERVICE
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK
WATER TOWER PAYT.....1431.59
KUBOTA CREDIT CORP
TRACTOR PAYMENT1266.87
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE.....2698.46
WATER FUND
ACCESS SYSTEMS
COPIER AGREEMENT45.17
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRIC BILL.....1476.96
BLACKHILLS ENERGY
GAS.....43.51
HAWKINS, INS
AZONE.....338.78
IOWA DEPT. NATURAL RES.
ANNUAL PUBLIC FEE.....44.36
JESSE'S AUTO & MINI MART
TIRES, FUEL, ICE254.89
K & W COATINGS LLC
REPLACE SCREEN IN TANK5600
MASTERCARD
POST CARD STAMPS.....56
ORIGIN DESIGN
WATER METER, WATER MAIN15246
PAUL MAZE
PFAS WATER TESTING UPS.....63.23
RIPEVA LLC
FIREWALL PROTECTION.....31.25
RITEWAY
LASTER UTILITY BILLS.....121.73
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA
WET EXCISE TAX, SALES TAX465.31
USA BLUE BOOK
PVC INJECTION, LATEX GLOVES494
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK
FED/FICA TAXES.....593.11
IOWA DEPT. NATURAL RES.
WATER/SW RECERTIFICATION60
IPERS
IPERS.....429.33
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA
EXCISE WET TAX.....517.8
EMPLOYEES
SALARIES.....2104.06

WATER FUND TOTAL.....27985.49
SEWER FUND
ACCESS SYSTEMS
COPIER AGREEMENT45.17
ALLIANT ENERGY
ELECTRIC BILL.....230.36
JESSE'S AUTO & MINI MART
TIRES, FUEL, ICE.....260.23
MASTERCARD
POST CARD STAMPS.....56
RIPEVA LLC
FIREWALL PROTECTION.....31.25
RITEWAY
LASTER UTILITY BILLS.....121.73
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA
WET EXCISE TAX, SALES TAX118.02
USA BLUE BOOK
PVC INJECTION, LATEX GLOVES63.1
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK
FED/FICA TAXES.....565.74
IOWA DEPT. NATURAL RES.
WATER/SW RECERTIFICATION60
IPERS
IPERS.....410.24
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA
SALES, OPTION TAX.....213.73
EMPLOYEES
SALARIES.....2012.53
SEWER FUND TOTAL.....4188.1
CEMETERY-MUN ENTERPRISE
MILES LUMBER & HARDWARE
BATTERIES, PAINT, HAMMER/DRILL, ETC.....126.03
EMPLOYEES
SALARIES.....1642.87
CLINTON NATIONAL BANK
FED/FICA TAXES.....378.36
IPERS
IPERS.....317.9
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA
STATE TAX.....27.32
CEMETERY-MUN ENTER TOTAL2492.48
TOTAL EXPENSES.....55894.1
REVENUES
GENERAL.....13339.17
ROAD USE TAX.....4168.41
EMPLOYEES BENEFIT.....361.76
28E RUT FUND.....4532.89
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.....21.8
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.....1671.41
DEBT SERVICE.....32381.52
PERPETUAL CARE.....400
WATER FUND.....21584.67
SEWER FUND.....23835.32
CEMETERY-MUN ENTERPRISE.....2650
TOTAL REVENUES.....104946.95

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