

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 3, 2022**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegard, Tony Rangel, Bob Steers, Jeff Swartz, Joe Zeller and Alderwoman Tammy Lichty.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Blachford called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Alderman Odegard, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on December 20, 2021, and the year-end meeting held on December 29, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mayor Blachford offered his condolences to Ron Hoftiezer on the death of his father, Dwaine Hoftiezer. City Hall will be closed on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 12:00 for employees to attend the funeral.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Alderman Odegard asked Chief Speck why he purchased the body cameras on his 2021 budget when he was supposed to wait for 2022 and possible grants. Chief Speck said they had been turned down for the grant and had money remaining in his 2021 budget. Alderman Steers stated that he had reviewed the sidewalks that were reported in disrepair by the Disability Rights South Dakota with Ron Hoftiezer. He will contact DRSD and the property owners.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Family Crisis Center:** Janelle Fortin and Michelle Stuck, Family Crisis Center (FCC), were present to give an overview of 2021. They have been very beneficial to residents of Hand County. Deputy Wayne Ames stated that the FCC is a tremendous resource for local law enforcement.

**Resolution 2022-2 Family Crisis Center:** Motion by Alderman Odegard, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the reading of Resolution 2022-2 – Family Crisis Center. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Pool Committee:** Bryan Breitling was present to ask for a commitment from the city to assist financially and with in-kind work for the new pool. The council is going to visit with other entities and get back to the committee. The city would like to postpone the construction phase of the pool for 2-3 years for more fundraising opportunities.

**Resolution 2022-1 Annual Salaries:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Odegard to approve the reading of Resolution 2022-1 – Annual Salaries. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Community Access Grant:** The City was awarded a \$387,700 Community Access Grant to replace the street in front of the armory.

**Helms & Associates:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Rangel to approve invoice 25285 for \$2,659.67 for the airport project. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**SPN & Associates:** Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve SPN & Associates invoice 25250 for \$19,000 for the flood study. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Designate Depositories and Official Newspaper:** Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to designate *The Miller Press* as the official newspaper and Quoin Financial Bank and American Bank & Trust as the official depositories. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**SDRS Election Notice:** There were no Class B safety employees interested on serving on the SDRS Board of Trustees.

**Legislative Rib Dinner:** Anyone interested in attending the Legislative Rib Dinner on February 1<sup>st</sup> in Pierre must let Sheila know before January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**DGR Engineering Agreement:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve DGR Engineering Task Order 11 to assist with the bidding process for new electric radio read meters. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**KBA Engagement Letters:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to hire KBA to do our annual report for 2021 and our audit for 2020 & 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Building Permits:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the removal permit for Bill Lewellen to remove a carport and the building permit for Trudy Stevens to bring in a trailer house. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:02 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to come out of executive session at 8:47 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Swartz to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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Ronald Blachford, Mayor

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Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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