

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2023

The City of Miller is an equal opportunity employer.

The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegaard, Tom McGough, Joe Zeller. Alderwomen: Tammy Lichty and Susan Hargens. Absent: Mike Wetz.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on January 3, 2023, and the special meeting held on January 10, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jan Kittleson expressed her concern about the snow on the sidewalks. She stated that a young gentleman had to walk to the armory on the street as the sidewalks were not cleaned. Alderman McGough expressed his concern about the bill to remove sales tax on groceries. Sheila Coss mentioned that the council can receive weekly legislative updates via email, so they know what bills to contact their representatives about.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Electric Department On-call: Alderman McGough stated that the committee met to discuss the on-call rate for the electric department. McGough stated that they discussed an hourly salary rate per day as the on-call rate. Alderwoman Hargens stated that there were several options for on-call, and they had also talked about 1.5 hours of the salary rate for on-call. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to table a decision until the next meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Farm & Home Show: Aldermen McGough and Zeller will work at the Farm & Home show Friday night, Alderwoman Hargens and Mayor Blachford will work on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Roster: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman McGough to approve the volunteer fire department roster for workers compensation benefits. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance #744 – Electric Rates: Mayor Blachford read the first reading of Ordinance #744 – Electric Rates. The Debt Service Surcharge rate will remain the same, but the Energy and Demand Charge rates along with the base fees have increased slightly to cover the WAPA rate increase.

Ordinance #745 – Electric Base Rates: Mayor Blachford read the first reading of Ordinance #745 – Electric Base Rates. Beginning with March usage, the base rate will be charged on all accounts regardless of whether the electricity is turned on or off for a short period.

Terry Manning – Municipal SDARWS Utilities Manager of the Year: Mayor Blachford congratulated Terry Manning on receiving the Municipal SDARWS Utilities Manager of the Year award last week at the annual convention. This award and previous awards earned show the quality of our city employees.

Terry Manning – Director on SDARWS Board: Terry Manning was elected to the SDARWS Board of Directors at the annual convention.

DANR Letter – Phase IV: Mayor Blachford read a letter from DANR supporting a Phase IV water project. The project would include replacing all asbestos cement water lines, looping

the water system, improving the water tower and ground storage, and plugging the abandoned wells.

Police Chief Benefits: The city policy manual states that an employee must work an average of 40 hours per week to qualify for full time benefits. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Police Chief Huss was unable to meet this requirement during a period of time in the first 7 weeks of employment. Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to allow Chief Huss to keep the benefits during that period. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the bills. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman McGough to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills January 2023

A & B Business	Supplies	214.91
Advanced Collision	Repairs	405.00
American Solutions	Supplies	29.37
B & L Communications	Service	511.40
BDS	Garbage	350.00
City Utilities	Utilities	10,210.47
Core & Main	Supplies	313.67
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	4,004.15
DGR Engineering	Prof Fees	424.00
Donlin Building	Supplies	41.62
First Interstate Bank	Mastercard-Water/Supplies	29,135.85
Forte	Prof Fees	237.30
Fritzsche, Dan	Reimb	15.00
Graham, Dustin	Reimb	15.00
Gross, Gordon	Reimb	15.00
Hammill, Brandon	Reimb	165.19
Hand County Publishing	Subscription	55.00
Heartland Energy	Power	71,872.46
John Deere Financial	Supplies/Parts	1,730.97
Letsche, Devin	Reimb	15.00
Manning, Terry	Reimb	71.00
Milbank WinWater	Supplies	1,815.00
Miller Ace	Supplies	554.13
Miller C&C	Membership	350.00
Miller Rexall	Supplies	21.96
MMUA	Prof Fees	4,376.88
NAPA	Parts	318.35
NECOG	Dues	1,720.07
Northern Truck	Parts	3,885.78
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	144.24
OHED	Industry/80% BBB	11,820.57
Phinney, David	Reimb-jacket	69.99
Postmaster	Postage	450.00
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	17.50
Pump 'N Pak	Fuel	593.32
Riter Rogers Law	Prof Fees	595.00
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD Attorney General	24/7 Program	90.00
SD DANR	Wastewater Fees	1,500.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	8,068.18
SPN	Prof Fees	7,600.00
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	475.00
Sturdevant's	Parts	44.94
Tony's Repair	Supplies/Service	325.75
Twin Valley	Repairs	60.00
UB Bank	Loan	18,165.39
WAPA	Power	52,729.69
Wesco	Supplies	211.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$252,238.10</u>

**Payroll Salary plus
Benefits by Department:**

12/30/2022, 01/05/2023,
01/19/2023

Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41101 COUNCIL	3,439.44	0.00	3,439.44
41402 FINANCE OFFICE	6,563.43	0.00	6,563.43
41902 BUILDING	291.16	0.00	291.16
42101 POLICE	26,737.91	4,469.86	31,207.77
43101 STREET	16,419.02	1,083.76	17,502.78
43201 SEWER	11,435.31	540.29	11,975.60
43305 WATER	11,435.13	540.25	11,975.38
43403 ELECTRIC	19,120.87	233.38	19,354.25
	<u>\$95,442.27</u>	<u>\$6,867.54</u>	<u>\$102,309.81</u>