

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2020

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 Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegaard, Tony Rangel, Bob Steers, Jeff Swartz, Joe Zeller and Alderwoman SuAnne Meyer.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

AGENDA: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve the agenda as amended with two additions: hire a pool manager and bid Phase III of the Water/Sewer Project. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Rangel to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on February 3, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Bill Lewellen, electric superintendent, discussed the outage of the lights on main street. They discovered a bare wire that caused the issue. There have been a few other bare wires that have caused outages. These will be fixed in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Rita Ellsworth – Concerns: Rita Ellsworth said thank you to the council for serving her and the rest of the city. She presented her concerns regarding street safety with trees, bushes and parked cars restricting vision around corners along with parked campers narrowing the streets. Chief Speck was available to explain the parking rules on the state highway and Alderman Swartz asked for specific trees and shrubs so that the street department can be made aware of the problem areas. She would like to see drug testing for all city employees. Sheila Coss, Finance Officer explained that our insurance company has requested that all employees sign a document stating that they will not consume drugs or alcohol during work. She would also like to see the city offer transportation for the elderly (or other residents) after 5:00 p.m. to attend school or church events. The city will keep this request in mind. She again thanked everyone for serving the citizens of Miller.

Resolution 2020-4 – Family Crisis Center: Janelle Fortin, Director of The Family Crisis Center was present to give the 2019 statistics regarding the number of women and children that were assisted through their program in Hand, Spink and Faulk counties. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderwoman Meyer approve Resolution 2020-4 – Family Crisis Center Support. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Meyer – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

District Meeting Attendees: The District Meeting will be held in St. Lawrence on March 23. Mayor Blachford, Alderwoman Meyer, Aldermen Steers, Rangel and Swartz will attend. The other council members have until February 27 to let the finance office know if they plan to attend.

Wellmark Foundation Grant Application: Motion by Alderwoman Meyer, seconded by Alderman Rangel to apply for a Wellmark Foundation Grant in the amount of \$47,261.90 to cover the city's portion of the transportation grant that was received to construct a bike path. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Hire Pool Manager: Terry Manning along with the pool committee was able to interview 3 applicants for the pool manager position. Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have Terry Manning offer the pool manager position at \$13.62/hour to the successful interviewee. Terry will contact all applicants. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Phase III Water/Sewer Bid: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Rangel to request bids for Phase III of the water/sewer project as soon as the plans have been approved by the funding agencies. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Utility Committee Recommendations – Rainwater Charge: Jeff Swartz, Utility Committee addressed some house cleaning issues with the rainwater (storm sewer) charge on the utility bills. The apartment complexes or main street business that contain apartments will be charged the small

commercial rate of \$5.00/month if they have less than 10,000 square feet of lot space or the large commercial rate of \$10.00/month if they have more than 10,000 square feet of lot space. Individual apartments will not be charged. No changes need to be made to Ordinance #673. This just clarifies the charges for apartments.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve the bills. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills February 2020 (2)

A & B Business	Copier Meter	163.52
A+ Tire	Tires/Service	971.46
Agtegra	Fuel	518.40
Builders Solutions	Supplies	61.46
Butler Machinery	Repairs-Generator	1,419.00
Civic Plus	Website Fees	3,250.00
Civil Design	Prof Fees	13,775.00
CNH Industrial Capital	Parts	28.15
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	839.47
DPC	Repairs	6,186.47
Drivers License Guide Company	ID Guide	29.95
Elan	Supplies	1,648.29
Farnam's	Parts	716.92
Hand County Publishing	Subscription	50.00
HCPD	Power	57,329.58
Locators & Supplies	Supplies	65.43
MARC	Supplies	148.87
MDRWS	Water	18,930.00
Midco	Telephones	444.32
Miller Ace	Supplies	578.50
Northwest Pipe Fittings	Fittings	739.43
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	14.19
OHED	Industry	6,250.00
Power Delivery Program	Lineman College Program	616.00
Prairie Wind Promotions	Pens/Banner	294.25
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	12.25
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	11,154.94
Small Engine House	Parts	478.53
Sturdevant's	Parts	170.13
Tony's Repair	Tires/Service	80.00
WAPA	Power	54,497.27
	Accounts Payable Total	\$197,864.78

Payroll Salary plus Benefits
by Department:

	2/18/2020		
Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41410 FINANCE OFFICE	1,305.80		1,305.80
42110 POLICE	10,376.50	546.06	10,922.56
43110 STREET	5,568.88	1,036.53	6,605.41
43210 SEWER	5,242.08	321.82	5,563.90
43310 WATER	5,242.01	321.82	5,563.83
43410 ELECTRIC	11,536.87	224.37	11,761.24
	\$39,272.14	\$2,450.60	\$41,722.74