

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The City of Miller is an equal opportunity employer.

The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 5:30 p.m. (changed to 5:30 due to weather) on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

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

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 Alderwoman Hargens to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on February 6, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Alderman Odegaard questioned Jan Kittleson about her article regarding loan information and the ability to pay loans off early with money from the general fund. Odegaard spoke with Ted Dickey from NECOG to clarify that general funds can be used for loans in other departments. Jan will contact Dickey and write a correction article. Mayor Blachford stated that Rural Development has the information necessary for the USDA Engineers to review for the Phase IV funding request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Code Enforcement Agreement: Police Chief Ted Huss wrote a letter to the council describing the difference between the Code Enforcement (civil issues) and Law Enforcement (legal issues). He recommended that the council continue contracting for code enforcement. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to sign the contract with Code Enforcement Specialist, LLC. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman McGough – aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

John Dunlop, GF&P – Pond: John Dunlop was present to ask the council's permission to stock the golf course pond with fish. He also asked if the city would be able to assist with in-kind work to make the pond deeper. The city does not have the proper equipment. Alderman Wetz will talk to the golf course board to find out the depth of the pond and seek their permission to stock the pond.

Dan Fritzsche – 6-month probation: Dan Fritzsche will complete his 6-month probation the first week of March. Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve \$1.00/hour pay increase for Dan Fritzsche. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Alderwoman Lichty clarified that Dan is considered a floater and works for the street, water, sewer, and electric departments as needed. Most of his time is with the street department.

Hire Summer Help: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Wetz to hire Roger Haberling @ \$16.50/hour as the ballpark manager. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to hire Craig Price @ \$11.55/hour as the park manager. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to hire Sydney Jessen @ \$17.85/hour as the pool manager. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to hire the following lifeguards: Shaylee Anderberg @ \$13.77/hour, Abbi Blake @ \$15.44/hour, Abby Boomsma @ \$13.50/hour, Tyra Gates @ \$13.77/hour, Gracie Graham @ \$13.77/hour, Noah Johnson @ \$13.77/hour, Gabrielle Naber @ \$14.31/hour, Luke Naber @ \$16.34/hour, Heather Resel @ \$14.04/hour, Preslie Russell @ \$14.31/hour, Cassi VanDerWerff @ \$13.77/hour, and Jaden Werdel @ \$13.77/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-3 – Family Crisis Center: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve Resolution No. 2023-3 – Family Crisis Center. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: The city received a thank you card from the Family Crisis Center for the \$1,500 donation.

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills February 2023 (2)

A & B Business	Supplies	199.28
AGC of South Dakota	CDL Training	665.00
American Solutions	Supplies	248.75
AmericInn	Lodging	639.84
Applied Concepts	Supplies	148.00
Barco	Pump	535.70
Best Western Ramkota	Lodging	419.96
CNH Industrial Capital	Bearing/labor	592.49
CES	Prof Fees	1,500.00
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	2,420.38
Graham, Dustin	Reimb	108.00
Heartland Energy	Power	40,531.11
First Interstate Bank	Supplies/Water	28,467.88
Forte	Prof Fees	141.66
Henson, Jim	Reimb	142.00
Hoftiezer, Ron	Reimb	15.00
Letsche, Devin	Reimb	108.00
Linde Gas	Supplies	412.15
Midwest Fire & Safety	Extinguish.Inspect.	2,111.00
Miller Ace	Supplies	233.98
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	44.99
OHED	Industry	7,400.00
Overhead Door Co.	Repairs	556.96
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	61.45
Pump 'N Pak	Fuel	520.17
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	10,808.48
Stobbs Sales	Repairs	309.85
Sturdevant's	Parts	89.98
Tony's Repair	Repairs	55.95
US Bank	Loans	55,969.92
WAPA	Power	63,415.37
	Accounts Payable Total	\$235,276.30

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		2/16/2023		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,314.60	0.00	3,314.60
42101	POLICE	11,574.00	2,833.70	14,407.70
43101	STREET	8,135.28	127.67	8,262.95
43201	SEWER	5,750.29	91.79	5,842.08
43305	WATER	5,750.19	91.78	5,841.97
43403	ELECTRIC	9,922.62	0.00	9,922.62
		\$44,446.98	\$3,144.94	\$47,591.92