

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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, February 22, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegaard, 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 Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on February 7, 2022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Blachford expressed a “thank you” for all the support the Miller School has received from the local community as well as the greater South Dakota area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Safe Route to School: Natalie Bertsch, Miller District School Board President addressed the city council to formally announce that the school is no longer able to financially support the bike path as agreed to 7 years ago.

Nancy Corr-Froning explained her position and concerns regarding the current plans for the bike path along East 5th Street. Several others spoke and lengthy discussion was held. Alderman Zeller stated On Hand recently held a financial planning meeting and it was decided that On Hand would take over the school’s financial portion of the project. Alderwoman Lichty inquired about the safety study. Steers went on to say that no one wants to kill the project altogether, but at this point there is no time to change it and stay within the grant guidelines.

DOT Certificates for Bike Path: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to have Mayor Blachford sign the DOT right-of-way certificate for the bike path. Roll call vote: Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Steers – aye. Motion carried.

Community Access Grant: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to accept the Community Access Grant. All member voted aye. Motion carried. The city may need to coordinate with school on the timing of the project. If construction does not commence in 2022, it will be budgeted for in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Rainwater Drainage: Ruby Wharton, Larry Anglin, and Steve Yearous asked the council for the city’s assistance to mitigate the storm drainage in the back yards of their properties which are basically situated in a “bowl.” Ron Hoftiezer, street superintendent will analyze the situation to see what the city can do to help.

Police Policy Manual: Chief Speck, Officer Henson, and Officer Ames were present. Chief Speck summarized the process for getting the new police policy manual drafted. He’s been in contact with SDPAA and the city attorney to consider the 12 high-risk liability factors and how they will be addressed in the policy. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve and accept the new police policy manual. All members voted aye. Motion carried. A section will need to be designated for the new body cameras.

Write off Bad Debt: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Rangel to write off \$111.70 from an old outstanding bad debt account. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Phase IV Revised Funding Application: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Rangel to have Mayor Blachford sign the revised application for Phase IV funding. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The city will designate its ARPA funds to Phase IV with DANR matching those funds upon acceptance of the funding package.

Lot Purchase: Lots 20 & 21, Block 3, Eudell J Miller’s Resurvey Addition is up for sale. It was suggested that the city consider buying the lots for potential parking. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to table the lot purchase until other options are researched. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Deputy Finance Officer

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Bills February 2022 (2)

A & B Business	Supplies	196.65
Civic Plus	Annual Fees	2,100.00
CNH Industrial	Supplies	111.08
DPC	Grinder	50,357.23
DGR	Prof Fees	11,859.50
Drivers License Guide Company	Supplies	31.95
Elan	Supplies	106.49
Forte	Fees	148.00
Hand County Publishing	Supplies/Publications	1,667.65
HCPD	Power	60,470.35
Inland Truck Parts	Parts	106.09
Micro-Comm	Computer	3,593.00
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	92.91
Oakley Repair	Repairs	1,036.15
OHED	Industry	6,750.00
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	108.50
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD Dept Of Public Safety	Service	2,340.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	8,921.19
Sturdevant's	Parts	62.96
Tony's Repair	Repairs	72.35
Wesco	Supplies	2,280.35
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$168,815.40</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		2/17/2022		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,149.39	0.00	3,149.39
42101	POLICE	11,195.10	773.17	11,968.27
43101	STREET	6,178.92	0.00	6,178.92
43201	SEWER	5,458.95	81.62	5,540.57
43305	WATER	5,655.54	81.60	5,737.14
43403	ELECTRIC	10,122.41	198.14	10,320.55
		<u>\$41,760.31</u>	<u>\$1,134.53</u>	<u>\$42,894.84</u>