

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2023

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 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 Alderman Zeller to approve the agenda as rearranged. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Alderwoman Lichty presented Mayor Blachford with a certificate of appreciation from the SD Municipal League for his service as vice-chairman of District 5.

NEW BUSINESS

SPN – East 4th Street Bid Approval: Jacob Sonne, SPN, presented the bid tabs from the March 16th bid opening for the East 4th Street Project, partially funded by a \$387,000 Community Access Grant. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman McGough to accept the bid from TLC Olson Construction, LLC: Bid Schedule A - \$541,123.60, and Bid Schedule B - \$33,920.00 for a total of \$575,043.60 contingent upon DOT approval. All members voted aye. Motion carried. One additional bid was received from Dahme Construction Co. Inc. for Bid Schedule A - \$628,966.75 and Bid Schedule B - \$49,264.70 for a total of \$678,231.45. Engineer's estimate is \$538,252.70.

District 5 Meeting Overview: Alderman McGough gave an overview of the District 5 meeting held in Onida on Monday, March 20th. HB 1060 will increase the supply bid limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000, SB 162 allows a board to limit the amount of time allotted for public input. McGough summarized other bills that have less direct impact on city business.

Credit Card Policy Changes: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the changes to the credit card policy to allow department heads to authorize other employees use of their credit card. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Heartland Annual Meeting: All council members were invited to the Heartland Annual Meeting to be held in Madison on April 13th. Mayor Blachford stated that it is a meeting that he only missed a few times in his 20 years on the board, and it is a meeting that all board members should attempt to attend. Alderwoman Hargens said she is available to attend with Dustin Graham.

Good Friday & Easter Monday: Mayor Blachford requested that the board review the governor's notice of the State's closure for Good Friday and Easter Monday. The county will also be closed as they follow the state for days off. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to not be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Park Fountain Light Donation: The city received a \$1,000 donation in memory of Lu and Casey Schultz to help pay for the park fountain lights.

DANR Letter: The City received a letter from Mark Mayer, DANR, commending the city's commitment to improve the aging infrastructure which will be instrumental in avoiding interruptions of water service and improve drinking water quality. Mayor Blachford would like

to see the city finish Phase IV to allow residents in the NE corner of Miller the same water quality as those in the completed portion of town. Several residents have expressed their gratitude to no longer have sewer issues that they dealt with for many years.

SD Airport Conference Attendee(s): Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderman Wetz to have Sheila Coss attend the SD Airport Conference with Terry Manning in Deadwood. March 29th and 30th. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Hire Summer Help – Floater: Mayor Blachford turned the meeting over to Board President Lichty for this agenda item. Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to hire Aubrey DeHaai for a summer floater position at \$15.74/hour. She has a CDL and is lifeguard certified which allows her to assist all departments. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Golf Course Pond: Alderman Wetz spoke with members from the Golf Course Board. They voted in November to not approve the fishing dock at the golf course pond. Reasons include limited parking especially on league nights and golf tournaments, the potential of getting hit with golf balls, the potential for garbage to get into the pumps in the pond, and where the responsibility lies to fix the pumps and keep the area cleaned up. Don Pugh called John Dunlop on behalf of the golf board.

Ball Field Scoreboards: Alderman Wetz stated that the Ball Association paid for the scoreboards that were received for the softball fields. Dustin will be using a portion of the retired substation next to the school to install the scoreboards at a savings of approximately \$2,800. The scoreboards will list sponsors that helped pay for the boards along with Hughes Electric who will assist with trenching in the electrical lines. The city appreciates the donations from the ball association and the sponsors for the scoreboards.

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

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills March 2023 (2)

A & B Business	Supplies	199.28
AGC of South Dakota	Prof Fees	400.00
American Solutions	Paper	18.95
CNH Industrial Capital	Parts	15.00
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	1,604.05
Daktronics	Scoreboards	18,765.00
First Interstate Bank	Supplies/ Water	21,064.21
Forte	Prof Fees	112.61
Galls	Supplies	129.51
Graham, Dustin	Reimb	28.00
Hammill, Brandon	Reimb	28.00
First Bank & Trust	Power	62,802.49
Hoftiezer, Ronald	Reimb	45.00
Holiday Inn	Lodging	300.00
Kessler's	Supplies	43.98
Letsche, Devin	Reimb	28.00
Make It Mine Designs	Supplies	438.00
Manning, Terry	Reimb	28.00
MD Industries	Plow Skids	350.00
Midwest Fire	Prof Fees	57.00
Miller Ace	Supplies	714.67
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	20.89
OHED	Industry	7,400.00
Pump 'N Pak	Fuel	782.44
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD DOT	Regist.	100.00
SD Dept of Public Safety	Service	2,340.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	13,378.57
SD Fed Property	Supplies	660.75
SDMEA	Regist.	300.00
SD Police Chiefs'	Regist.	85.00
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	725.00
Sturdevant's	Parts	246.95
WAPA	Power	50,333.24
Wesco	Supplies	199.80
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$200,147.39</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:				
3/16/2023				
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,255.48	0.00	3,255.48
42101	POLICE	11,784.16	407.09	12,191.25
43101	STREET	8,036.81	1,112.87	9,149.68
43201	SEWER	5,835.00	118.38	5,953.38
43305	WATER	5,597.22	118.38	5,715.60
43403	ELECTRIC	9,961.49	273.03	10,234.52
		<u>\$44,470.16</u>	<u>\$2,029.75</u>	<u>\$46,499.91</u>