

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 24, 2020**

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The City Council met in special session at the fire hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 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 Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Governor Noem – Executive Order No. 19:** Governor Noem’s Executive Order No. 19 was available for anyone to read.

**First Reading Ordinance #709 – COVID-19 Budget Supplement:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Rangel to accept the first reading of Ordinance #709 – COVID-19 Budget Supplement. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Meyer – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz - aye. Motion carried.

**First Reading Ordinance #710 – COVID-19 Health Emergency:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to accept the first reading of Ordinance #710 – COVID-19 Health Emergency. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Meyer – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz - aye. Motion carried.

**Utility Payment Plan:** Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Meyer to accept the proposed application for utility bill payment plans. The application will indicate how COVID-19 has affected the resident or business owner’s ability to pay the utility bill in full. The applications will be reviewed by the Safety Committee. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Appoint Committee:** Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Zeller to accept Mayor Blachford’s appointment of the Safety Committee as the liaison to the Hand County COVID-19 Task Force. The committee will be able to make minor decisions with the Mayor’s approval and call special council meetings if necessary. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Appoint Spokesperson:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Swartz to accept Mayor Blachford’s appointment of Bob Steers as the spokesperson for the City of Miller regarding any information pertaining to COVID-19. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Kecia Beranek, OHED thanked the council and local businesses for being proactive in doing their part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Alderwoman Meyer mentioned that Burbach Aquatics has suspended all meetings regarding the design of the pool until further notice.

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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Ronald Blachford, Mayor

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Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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