

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 31, 2020

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The City Council met in special session at city hall at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 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 Zeller to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Alderman Zeller expressed concerns regarding kids playing at the ballfield and multiple kids playing on the park playgrounds. Alderman Steers said he would prefer that the kids enjoy the nice weather by being outside rather than gathered in someone's basement playing video games. A discussion will be held at the April 6, 2020, meeting to determine the best course of action for the city parks during the COVID-19 crisis.

Alderman Steers would like to thank all of the businesses for being proactive in doing what they can to limit the amount of traffic. It seems to be working as there are currently zero COVID-19 cases in Hand County.

Mayor Blachford would like to thank the council, emergency management, and everyone involved in any way in keeping our community safe.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading Ordinance #709 – COVID-19 Budget Supplement: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to accept the second 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.

Second Reading Ordinance #710 – COVID-19 Health Emergency: Motion by Alderwoman Meyer, seconded by Alderman Swartz to accept the second 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.

Employee Hours due to COVID-19: Motion by Alderwoman Meyer, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have all employees return to work at this time. They need to practice social distancing and sanitizing and keep employees to 1 person per vehicle. Mayor Blachford stated that we need to keep our employees from contracting this virus so that we can maintain all systems within the city: finance, water, sewer, electric, streets and police. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Meyer – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried. Further discussion will be held at future meetings to determine the best course of action regarding employee work arrangements.

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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