

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2023

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 Monday, April 3, 2023.

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

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 amended to remove the swim club. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 21, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Alderman McGough commended Arlen Gortmaker, Miller police department, and all the first responders that showed up quickly for the false alarm at the school. McGough also congratulated Terry Manning on his 27 years with the City of Miller. Mayor Blachford listened to the DANR Water Board meeting on March 30. They voted to transfer grant funds that are expiring for Phase III into another grant to finish our project this spring.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ron Hoftiezer stated that he and David Phinney will take the mosquito sprayers certification in the next couple of weeks. Mayor Blachford asked Terry Manning about the airport convention that he attended in Deadwood. Terry stated that he learned a lot and that it would be beneficial for council members to attend this convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Hoftiezer – Mower: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to order a Gravely 652 mower from Titan for \$12,500. Five members voted aye; Alderman Wetz abstained. Motion carried.

DGR 10-Year Study: Jarrod Luze, DGR engineer, presented the history of the Municipal Electric System, what has been updated, and what has been added to update the department's 10-year plan. Miller has spent \$11,900,000 on two new substations, retired one substation, and buried power lines throughout town in two different projects. The same projects today would cost approximately \$22,306,000. Future projects of approximately \$3,266,000 were reviewed. DGR recommends that we join the MREA pooling group consisting of projects from MN, SD, IA, and ND to apply for \$500 million in total projects to apply for a Federal Grant that covers 50% of the project. The most pressing items for Miller would amount to \$2,108,000 electric infrastructure improvements to apply for the 50% grant. Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Wetz to sign a letter of commitment of 50% (approximately \$1,054,000) for electric improvements. Roll call vote: Alderman McGough – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

DGR – Preliminary Planning Fees: Jarrod Luze estimated the planning phase for preparing the documents for the grant and the basic planning to be approximately \$15,000. This will be brought before the board when there is more data available.

Electric Project Grant Application: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to apply for the above mentioned 50% federal grant with a \$1,500 application fee to the MREA. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman McGough – aye. Motion carried.

GOED – CIP Award: Miller was chosen to participate in the Capital Improvement Planning process with a 50% grant (\$15,000 Miller share) from the Governor's Office of Economic Development. ISG, Inc., an architecture/engineering firm, will work with the city employees to develop a five-year capital improvement plan that will be formally adopted by the city council upon completion.

Olson Construction Change Order No. 8: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve TLC Olson Construction Change Order No. 8 to add the removal of a sewer main from an alley north of the highway and east of East 2nd Avenue to the Phase III sewer project. This dilapidated sewer line only connects two properties to the sewer main. The newly installed lines will be the responsibility of the property owners after installation. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Zeller 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 8:21 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills April 2023 (1)			
American Solutions	Supplies		191.19
BDS	Garbage		350.00
City Utilities	Utilities		12,081.00
Civic Plus	Prof Fees		2,205.00
DGR Engineering	Prof Fees		273.50
Dan Fritzsche	Reimb		15.00
Dustin Graham	Reimb		15.00
Hand County Publishing	Publications		934.83
Hughes Electric	Service		226.53
Devin Letsche	Reimb		15.00
MARC	Ice Machine		985.06
OHED	80% BBB		2,263.29
Petty Cash	Postage		17.77
Postmaster	Postage		470.00
SDARWS	Regist.		100.00
SD DSS	Energy Assist.		485.41
SD Fed Property	Supplies		40.00
Servall	Service		112.01
Storey Kenworthy	Supplies		664.75
Streicher's	Supplies		1,213.50
Twin Valley	Tires		601.98
US Bank	Loan		18,165.39
Wesco	Supplies		95.79
	Accounts Payable Total		\$41,522.00

Payroll Salary plus		3/30/2023 &		
Benefits by Department:		3/31/2023		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	2,615.91	0.00	2,615.91
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	2,768.63	0.00	2,768.63
41902	BUILDING	408.26	0.00	408.26
42101	POLICE	9,614.52	814.84	10,429.36
43101	STREET	7,063.61	178.47	7,242.08
43201	SEWER	5,105.63	17.73	5,123.36
43305	WATER	5,105.59	17.73	5,123.32
43403	ELECTRIC	8,707.34	112.65	8,819.99
		\$41,389.49	\$1,141.42	\$42,530.91