

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2021

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 5, 2021.

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 Steers to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 15, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ron Hoftiezer stated that he needs a value on the street sweeper. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to have the street committee research and give a written statement of the value of the 2003 Elgin Street Sweeper to surplus. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Deputy Police Chief Ames stated that all officers were recertified in firearms this morning by John Dunlap. They will be hosting a baton training and invite the sheriff's department to participate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hire Electric Superintendent and Lineman: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to hire Dustin Graham as the electric superintendent for \$35.00/hour and Zach Reber as a lineman apprentice for \$25.00/hour. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – nay, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

Wage – Josh Koeck: Josh Koeck was present to state that his wage as an as needed employee was incorrect. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Swartz to pay Josh Koeck \$50.00/hour for an as needed employee retroactive to January 1st. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Dakota Energy Agreement: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to send a letter to Dakota Energy to request an annual agreement for on-call and emergency assistance. Roll call vote: Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Steers – aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bathhouse Removal: Ron Hoftiezer stated that he can take the roof from the old park bathhouse to the county rubble site and the bricks will be crushed. They hope to start on the demolition tomorrow, weather permitting.

Orv's Yard Service: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Rangel to hire Orville Kleinsasser, Orv's Yard Service, to spray the city hall, water tower, pool, and tennis courts with fertilizer and weed killer for \$250.00 per application. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Wages for Aaron Zeller: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Rangel to give Aaron Zeller a 4% cost of living increase as he did not receive an increase in 2020. All members voted aye; Alderman Zeller abstained. Motion carried.

Public Hearing 7:30 Board of Adjustments

Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Swartz to adjourn as the common council and reconvene as the board of adjustments at 7:30 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion

carried. Tony Olson of TLC Olson Construction, LLC was present to ask for a variance to place a carport in front of their property located at 207 W 2nd Street and add a front, side, and back deck closer to the lot lines. The council approved the variance for the decks, but the carport sticks out too far in front of the house. Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve Resolution 2021-6 – Variance with two changes. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to adjourn as the board of adjustments and reconvene as the common council at 7:52 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permits: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the following building permits: TLC Olson Construction, LLC – decks, Mike Beaner – amend previous permit for garage size, Carolyn Hargens – replace front step. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MMUA Training: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to hire MMUA to train Dustin Graham and Zach Reber through their four-year apprentice lineworker program and to come to Miller for a three-day hands-on training next week. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Advertise for Taxi Lane Improvements: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve Helm’s and Associates advertising for bids for the taxi lane improvements at the airport. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Helms & Associates Invoice: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to pay Helms & Associates \$34,770.43 for invoice number 23451. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Annual Report Review: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the annual report prepared by Kohlman, Bierschbach and Anderson, LLP. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Civil Air Patrol Magazine Advertisement: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Swartz to purchase a 1/12-page airport advertisement in the Civil Air Patrol Magazine for \$195.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Hire Summer Help: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to hire Luke Johnson – ballpark and Abbi Blake – lifeguard for \$10.50/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the bills for payment. 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 8:17 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

Copy of the official proceedings
was received on: _____
Published once at the
approximate cost of: _____

Bills April 2021 (1)

3D Specialties	Sign	57.33
Advanced Collision & Repair	Install Stripes	350.00
American Solutions	Supplies	364.16
AT&T	Cell Phone	45.39
BDS	Garbage	179.00
Bronco Blades	Blades	600.00
Builders Cashway	Supplies	17.43
City Utilities	Utilities	13,557.18
Civic Plus	Website	3,250.00
DGR Engineering	Cap Imp	2,165.00
Fastenal	Supplies	97.03
Hand County Publishing	Supplies	1,065.24
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	34,770.43
Hughes Electric	Repairs	700.00
Jazzy's Repair	Parts	155.00
Jim's Auto Repair	Repairs	519.79
KBA	Prof Fees	1,925.00
Lumacurve Airfield Signs	Stakes	319.20
Main Street Lunch Box	Pizzas-District Mtg	64.00
McLeod's	Election Kits	83.83
MDRWS	Water	16,296.75
MMUA	Safety Mgmt Program	2,306.25
Northwest Pipe Fittings	Supplies	1,363.10
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	193.02
OHED	80% BBB	1,975.25
Outdoor Supply	Supplies	17.95
Postmaster	Postage	325.00
Preferred Transmissions	Repairs	817.20
Premier Equipment	Antenna	35.34
Riter Rogers Law	Prof Fees	3,080.00
SD DENR	Fee	10.00
SD DOH	Tests	30.00
SD DOT	Salt	1,014.00
SDML Work Comp Fund	Work Comp	728.00
Share Corp	Supplies	858.79
Streicher's	Supplies	204.96
US Bank	Loan	18,165.39
Wesco	Supplies	171.36
Wilbur-Ellis	Fuel	173.63
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$108,051.00</u>

Payroll Salary plus		3/30/2021 &		
Benefits by Department:		3/31/2021		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	3,154.13	0.00	3,154.13
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	1,193.10	0.00	1,193.10
41902	BUILDING	491.21	0.00	491.21
42101	POLICE	9,900.82	2,168.36	12,069.18
43101	STREET	4,622.94	98.78	4,721.72
43201	SEWER	4,923.67	355.85	5,279.52
43305	WATER	4,923.60	355.82	5,279.42
43403	ELECTRIC	6,475.42	18.27	6,493.69
		<u>\$35,684.89</u>	<u>\$2,997.08</u>	<u>\$38,681.97</u>