

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 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 19, 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 Rangel to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on April 5, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

NEW BUSINESS

C&C Fireworks: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the C&C for fireworks. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permit – Heather Hill: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the amended building permit for Heather Hill (Odden) to add an additional 6 feet to the length of her new home. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ball Fields – Roger Haberling: Megan Steven, Mike Werdel, Cory Flor and Delilia Coyle were present to request several maintenance issues at the ball park be addressed. They are also in support of the city hiring a person designated to improvements at the ball field and general maintenance.

Public Hearing 7:30 Board of Adjustments

Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to adjourn as the common council and reconvene as the board of adjustments at 7:30 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The council discussed the placement of a garage closer to the lot line for Dwight and Connie Aymar. Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve Resolution 2021-7 - Variance. 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 Steers to approve the building permit for Dwight and Connie Aymar – garage. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Zeller to adjourn as the board of adjustments and reconvene as the common council at 7:36 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Easement – Wayne Ruhnke: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve the easement for Wayne Ruhnke. The garage located on the S 70' of Lot 6, Block 1, Garlick's Addition to the City of Miller is located on or close to the street right of way on East Second Avenue, and the front steps are located less than 20' from the front lot line and the street right of way on East 7th Street. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ball Fields Continued: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to hire Roger Haberling to be the maintenance manager at the ball fields. Wages to be determined. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Purchase Mower – Ron Hoftiezer: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have Ron Hoftiezer order a Johan Deere Z950M ZTrak from C&B Operations for \$9,500.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2015 Ford Explorer Police Car: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to keep the 2015 Ford Explorer Police Car for employee training and meeting trips. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Dustin Graham – Electric Superintendent: Electric Locates: Dustin Graham would like to create a policy that determines where the city should locate on private property. Does the city responsibility stop at the meter or does it include other secondary lines? Alderman Odegaard requested that he talk to the city attorney regarding this policy. Graham stated that the trucks were inspected in 2019. Should he get council approval each time the trucks require the annual inspection? Alderman Steers said that he does not need council approval for general maintenance items. Graham would like to know the process to discard the old transformers. He will contact T&R Electric to have them test the transformers to determine if they are sellable or junk and how to dispose of them. The south side of the electric shop is in need of steel siding. Alderman Zeller will write up the supplies and work necessary to go out for a bid to repair the building. Graham would like permission to hire a summer employee to float between the electric the water and sewer departments. Alderman Zeller mentioned that the employee will need to be over 18 in order to drive. We will advertise for summer employees who are at least 18 years of age.

Personnel Committee: The personnel committee will meet to discuss our flex meeting time policy as well as the sick time reimbursement upon termination.

Heater for the Park Bathhouse: Dustin Graham will check into the specs of the bathhouse to determine the size and type of heaters necessary to prevent the bathhouse from freezing up in the spring and fall. Graham also mentioned the need to get a cage to cover the security cameras to prevent damage.

DENR Grant Agreements: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have Mayor Blachford sign the DENR Grant agreements of \$112,700 for the Water Distribution – Phase II and \$135,750 for the Wastewater Collection – Phase II additional funding. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Canvas Votes – April 13, 2021 Election: Council members canvased the votes for the Mayoral election. Susan Hargens received 147 votes and Ronald Blachford received 149 votes. Aldermen Rangel, Steers, Odegaard, Swartz and Alderwoman Lichty canvased the votes for Alderman Ward II, results were: Joe Zeller 85 and Steve Yearous 46 votes. A resolution will be done at the next meeting.

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

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills April 2021 (2)

A & B Business	Supplies	182.05
American Solutions	Supplies	40.80
AT&T	Cell Phone	45.41
Avera Occupational Medicine	Drug Test	92.00
Butler Machinery	Repairs	2,195.36
Civil Air Patrol	Advertising	195.00
CK Welding	Supplies	98.16
CNH Industrial	Supplies	19.00
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	756.40
Elan	Supplies	1,259.30
Farnam's	Parts	597.74
Fischer Plumbing	Repairs	46.68
HCPD	Power	7,998.19
Intoximeters	Supplies	325.00
Eleanor Iverson	Election Worker	250.00
Rosemary McGough	Election Worker	250.00
McLeod's	Supplies	85.13
Midco	Telephones	464.27
Miller Ace	Supplies	408.93
Northwest Pipe Fittings	Fittings	1,461.12
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	260.11
OHED	Industry	6,250.00
Petty Cash	Postage	56.94
Riter Rogers Law	Prof Fees	735.00
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
Sanitation Products	Parts	77.28
SD DOR	Sales Tax	11,870.94
SD Gov't. FO's Assn	Registration	75.00
SD Gov't. HR Assn	Registration	100.00
Sandra Selting	Election Worker	250.00
South Dakota 811	Locates	35.84
Streicher's	Supplies	94.96
Tony's Repair	Repairs	72.94
WAPA	Power	45,985.93
Wex Bank	Fuel	54.50
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$99,092.98</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		4/13/2021		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	1,375.35	0.00	1,375.35
42101	POLICE	11,162.86	851.22	12,014.08
43101	STREET	5,219.89	0.00	5,219.89
43201	SEWER	5,544.57	226.14	5,770.71
43305	WATER	5,544.47	226.13	5,770.60
43403	ELECTRIC	8,283.86	0.00	8,283.86
		<u>\$37,131.00</u>	<u>\$1,303.49</u>	<u>\$38,434.49</u>