

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 2023

The City of Miller is an equal opportunity employer.

The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023, due to the elementary school concert at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Tom McGough, Jim Odegaard, Mike Wetz, Joe Zeller. Alderwomen: Susan Hargens and Tammy Lichty. Also present were incoming board members: Dale Hargens, Will Jones, and Patrick Price.

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 add a special event liquor license. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on April 17, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-4 – Election Results: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve Resolution No. 2023-4 Election Results. 5 members voted aye; Alderman McGough abstained. Motion carried.

2022 Annual Report: Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the 2022 Annual Report. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to adjourn as the old council at 5:12 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Oath of Office: Mayor Blachford gave the oath of office to incoming mayor Tom McGough. Mayor McGough gave the oath of office to Will Jones – Alderman Ward I, Patrick Price – Alderman Ward II, and Dale Hargens – Alderman Ward III.

Mayor McGough expressed his appreciation to Ronald Blachford for his 6 years as alderman and 14 years as mayor, Jim Odegaard for 16 years as alderman, and Joe Zeller for 26 years of service.

Mayor McGough reconvened the meeting with the new council at 5:20.

Election of Officers: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to nominate Mike Wetz as President. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Wetz as President. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to elect Susan Hargens as Vice President. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Susan Hargens as Vice President. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor McGough read the Board Conduct and Obligations. All members signed the document following the meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jan Kittleson asked Terry to let her know when he starts preparing the pool. She would like to take pictures to start promoting fundraising for the pool. A fundraising committee needs to be formed. C&C chose Red, White and Pool for the 4th of July theme to also promote pool fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayoral Appointments: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz, to approve the following Mayoral Appointments. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2023 Committee Assignments Mayoral Appointments (Committee Chair is first person listed; Alternate is 3rd person listed.) **FINANCE OFFICE:** Wetz, Jones, S Hargens; **PUBLIC SAFETY: Police, Fire, Civil Defense, Emergency Warning System, Emergency Management:** D Hargens, Price, Wetz; **STREETS, PARK, BALLPARK: Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, Park, Ballpark, City Hall Mowing, Storm Sewer, Street Equipment:** D Hargens, Jones, Lichty; **UTILITIES: Lights and Power, Water, Sewer, Pool, City Hall Snow Removal, Utility Equipment:** Price, S Hargens, Jones; **AIRPORT, CITY PLANNING & ZONING:** D Hargens, Lichty, Wetz; **BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE:** Price, Jones, D Hargens; **PERSONNEL:** Price, S Hargens, Lichty; **BEAUTIFICATION:** S Hargens, Lichty; **WORKPLACE SAFETY:** S Hargens, Wetz, Lichty; **ON HAND EC. DEV. DELEGATE:** Price; **HOUSING:** D Hargens, Wetz; *The Mayor is a member of each committee as ex-officio. (By virtue of his title.)* **Mayoral Appointments: CITY ATTORNEY:** Riter, Rogers, Wattier & Northrup, LLP; **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:** “The Miller Press”; **OFFICIAL DEPOSITORS:** American Bank & Trust – Miller, Quoin Financial Bank – Miller; **PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER:** TBD; **LEPC LIAISON:** Ronald Hoftiezer; **NECOG LIAISON:** Dale Hargens; **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES REPRESENTATIVES:** Lichty, S Hargens; **TREE CITY USA:** Will Jones; **CONSOLIDATED EQUALIZATION:** Patrick Price; **NATURAL GAS EXPANSION BOARD:** Mike Wetz; **BASEBALL ASSOCIATION DELEGATE:** Will Jones.

Micro Tower – Airport: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to purchase the new parts for the AWOS (Automated Weather Observing System) at the airport for \$4,147.61. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

EnergiZe Conference: There will be a 5th annual EnergiZe, exploring innovative rural communities conference held in Wessington Springs May 31 - June 1 if any board members wish to attend. Pre-registration is required.

C&C Fireworks Permit: Shelby Wieseler was present to ask permission for the C&C and Miller Fire Department to shoot off fireworks on July 2 (rain date July 4). Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the fireworks permit. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Hand County Library Road Closure Request: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Hargens to close half of a block of East 4th Street from Broadway east and the alley behind the library for a block party to kick off the summer reading program from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Special Event Liquor License: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve a special event liquor license for Willies Bar & Grill to serve alcohol at the community center on May 6th. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the bills for payment. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Correspondence: The city received a request from the Miller Jr/Sr High School for donations towards the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program. This item will be added to the budget requests for 2024.

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

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Bills May 2023 (1)		
American Solutions	Supplies	151.64
City Utilities	Utilities	13,250.21
CNA Surety	Notary	50.00
Core & Main	Supplies	411.01
DGR Engineering	Prof Fees	2,000.50
Donlin Building	Supplies	130.05
Graham, Dustin	Reimb	178.75
Hughes Electric	Supplies	130.67
Huss, Ted	Reimb	393.98
KBA	Prof Fees	1,650.00
Letsche, Devin	Reimb	15.00
Lyle Signs	Signs	126.82
Manning, Terry	Reimb	381.40
Milbank WinWater	Antennas	3,562.50
MFD	Fireworks	2,000.00
MMUA	Prof Fees	2,724.50
Nelson, Dave	Solar Sellback	69.58
Northern Truck	Supplies	297.86
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	33.78
OHED	80% BBB	2,887.53
Postmaster	Postage	275.00
Scott Gibson Construction	Repairs	611.23
Servall	Service	112.01
South Dakota 811	Locates	2.24
SPN	Prof Fees	2,428.75
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	235.00
Titan Machinery	Lawn Mower	12,500.00
Twin Valley Tire	Repairs	148.54
VanDiest Supply	Supplies	7,792.36
Accounts Payable Total		<u>\$54,550.91</u>

Payroll Salary plus		4/27/2023 &		
Benefits by Department:		4/28/2023		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	2,615.91	0.00	2,615.91
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,314.59	0.00	3,314.59
41902	BUILDING	522.78	0.00	522.78
42101	POLICE	11,720.89	946.39	12,667.28
43101	STREET	8,317.77	63.83	8,381.60
43201	SEWER	5,731.92	0.00	5,731.92
43305	WATER	5,731.85	0.00	5,731.85
43403	ELECTRIC	10,022.40	0.00	10,022.40
45101	BALLPARK	248.67	0.00	248.67
45202	PARK	180.29	0.00	180.29
		<u>\$48,407.07</u>	<u>\$1,010.22</u>	<u>\$49,417.29</u>