

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 4, 2020

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegaard, Tony Rangel, Bob Steers, Jeff Swartz, and Joe Zeller. Alderwoman SuAnne Meyer arrived at 7:07.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blachford called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

AGENDA: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Blachford administered the Oath of Office to Aldermen Rangel and Steers. Alderwoman Meyer gave her oath after the COVID-19 agenda item.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to nominate Alderman Rangel as President. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Alderman Rangel as President. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to nominate Alderman Steers as Vice President. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Alderman Steers as Vice President. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on April 20, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dale Hargens was present to ask questions about COVID-19 procedures in regards to opening the race track. This will be discussed further in "Unfinished Business."

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There were no questions beyond the reports for the department heads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID-19: Aldermen Steers and Rangel met with hospital personnel Bryan Breitling, Dr. John Hopkins and Sarah DeHaai to discuss the possibility of reopening the bars and restaurants in town. Dale Hargens plans to have his test-and-tune this weekend and hopes to have his first race the following weekend. He plans to do his best to implement various safety precautions. Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Rangel to have the safety committee host a meeting with all bar and restaurant owners on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the community center. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderwoman Meyer, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have a special meeting to discuss a resolution on Monday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Pool Summer Plans: Sydney Jessen, pool manager, was present to discuss the city's plans to open the pool. She has spoken with other pools regarding their plans to open. Certification and recertification classes have been pushed back to June for the lifeguards. Terry Manning will contact the Department of Health to see what their recommendations are for the pool openings this summer.

Fence Easement – Palmers: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve an easement for an existing fence located on Lot 3, Struif Addition to the City of Miller. Said fence has been present for approximately 50 years. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk: Brian Bonebright was present to request that the city consider replacing the curb, gutter and sidewalk along West 3rd Street from Broadway to the alley west of

Broadway. Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Zeller to have Resel Construction replace the aged valley gutter with curb and gutter at a cost of \$26.00/foot. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Per city ordinances, sidewalk replacement is at the cost of the property owners. Kecia Beranek was present to state that On Hand Economic Development is planning to start a sidewalk replacement program to loan funds to area businesses that need to replace their sidewalks, similar to the awning program.

DGR Invoices: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Rangel to approve DGR Engineering invoices 240147-240151 for a total of \$35,432.85. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer Invoices – SPN Invoices: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve SPN Phase II invoices 21213-21215 and SPN Phase III invoices 21228-21230 for a total of \$36,113.31. All members voted aye. Motion carried. **Dahme Pay Request:** Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve Dahme Pay Request 16 for \$149,248.33. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Helms & Associates Invoice: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve Helms & Associates invoice #21245 for \$11,497.45. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Council members reviewed the list of code enforcement violations provided by Joel Johnson, code enforcer. Council members would like to discuss the list in more detail and send letters after the next regular meeting.

Building Permits: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the following building permits: Gale Auch – steps, Taylor & Brooke Carr – fence, Dakota Energy – fence, Steve & Cindy Ford – carport, Rodney & Mary Jo Gortmaker – shed, Jenise Krick – remove house, Gene Labor – deck, City of Miller – “Boney” memorial. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Alderman Steers thanked Alderman Swartz for completion of the memorial after years of discussion.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Alderwoman Meyer, seconded by Alderman Odegaard 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 9:00 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

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Bills May 2020 (1)

A+ Tire	Tire	29.70
American Solutions	Paper	67.85
Bob's Disposal	Garbage	179.00
Builders Cashway	Supplies	37.77
Builders Solutions	Supplies	1,117.17
City Utilities	Utilities	8,630.60
CNH Industrial	Repairs	829.57
Code Enforcement Specialists	Code Enforcement	241.65
Dahme Construction	Phase II Construction	149,248.33
DGR Engineering	Cap Imp	35,432.85
Equipment Blades	Parts	689.18
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	11,497.45
JDH Construction	Prof Fees	44,912.93
MDRWS	Water	16,272.00
Miller School	Agreement	1,950.00
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Fittings/Parts	111.24
OHED	80% BBB	2,567.32
Petty Cash	Reimb	42.10
Postmaster	Stamps Postage	380.00
Pro-Tec Roofing	Repairs	591.83
SD Health Lab	Tests	30.00
SPN	Prof Fees	36,113.31
US Bank	Loans	22,293.67
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$333,265.52</u>

Payroll Salary plus Benefits

by Department:		4/14/2020		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41410	FINANCE OFFICE	1,288.60		1,288.60
42110	POLICE	10,702.67	804.49	11,507.16
43110	STREET	5,313.24	38.00	5,351.24
43210	SEWER	5,048.70	125.29	5,173.99
43310	WATER	5,048.62	125.26	5,173.88
43410	ELECTRIC	23,307.15	104.47	23,411.62
		<u>\$50,708.98</u>	<u>\$1,197.51</u>	<u>\$51,906.49</u>