

**AGENDA
CITY OF MILLER
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

The City of Miller is an equal opportunity employer.

**Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutespgs. 1 - 3**

Public Input

Public Hearing

7:30 p.m. Edward Johnson – Variance
Building Permit - shed on property line.

Unfinished Business

1. Revised Mayoral Appointmentspg. 4

New Business

1. Tim Haier – Development Questions
2. Legion/Hand County SnoGoers – 4th of July
3. Campers on Private Property
4. Baseball Shed at the Ballpark
5. Firehall Repairs.....pg. 5
6. SDRS Board Position.....pg. 6
7. DANR – Drinking Water Compliance.....pgs. 7 - 8
8. Budget Training.....pg. 9
9. Bad Debt Write-off
10. City Wide Cleanup
11. “Heartland Community Spark” winner – South Dakota Arms.....pgs. 10 - 13
12. Removal Permit: Dallas Foreman - house

Approval of Bills

Adjourn

Public comments are welcomed during public input, but no action can be taken by the Council on comments received at this meeting. Anyone wishing to have the Council vote on an item should call the Finance Office at 853-2705 by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the next scheduled meeting to be placed on the agenda.

**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 Hoffstiezer; **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

Copy of the official proceedings

was received on: _____

Published once at the

approximate cost of: _____

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>

2023

Committee Assignments

Mayoral Appointments

(Committee Chair is first person listed; Alternate is 3rd person listed)

FINANCE OFFICE:

Wetz, Jones, S Hargens

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Price, Wetz, D Hargens

Police, Fire, Civil Defense, Emergency Warning System, Emergency Management

STREETS, PARK, BALLPARK:

Lichty, D Hargens, Jones

Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, Park, Ballpark, City Hall Mowing, Storm Sewer, Street Equipment

UTILITIES:

S Hargens, Price, Jones

Lights and Power, Water, Sewer, Pool, City Hall Snow Removal, Utility Equipment

AIRPORT, CITY PLANNING & ZONING:

D Hargens, Lichty, Wetz

BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE:

Jones, Price, D Hargens

PERSONNEL:

S Hargens, Lichty, Price

BEAUTIFICATION:

S Hargens, Lichty

WORKPLACE SAFETY

Lichty, S Hargens, Wetz

ON HAND EC. DEV. DELEGATE:

Price

HOUSING

Wetz, D Hargens

The Mayor is a member of each committee as ex-officio. (By virtue of his title.)

Mayor 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:

Matt Campion

LEPC LIAISON:

Ronald Hoftiezer

NECOG LIAISON:

Dale Hargens

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES REPRESENTATIVES: Tammy Lichty, Susan Hargens

TREE CITY USA:

Will Jones

CONSOLIDATED EQUALIZATION:

Patrick Price

NATURAL GAS EXPANSION BOARD: Mike Wetz

BASEBALL ASSOCIATION DELEGATE: Will Jones

ESTIMATE

SCOTT GIBSON CONSTRUCTION
317 W 3rd ST
Miller SD 57362
605-870-2128
scottgibsonconstruction@gmail.com

5/8/2023

Bill to:
CITY OF MILLER

Salesperson	JOB DESCRIPTION	Payment Terms Due Date
	REPLACE FLOORING IN BATHROOMS AT FIRE HALL	

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Line Total
2	TEAR OUT OLD FLOORING AND REPLACE WITH NEW IN 2 BATHROOMS AT FIRE HALL WITH PORCELAIN TILE	\$950.00	\$1,900.00
	REMOVE TOILETS AND REINSTALL		
	REPLACE 2 TOILET SEATS AND 2 GRAB BARS		

Subtotal		\$	1,900.00
EXCISE TAX		2%	\$ 45.79
TOTAL			

This Estimate is for completing the job as described above. It is based on my evaluation and does not include material price increases or additional labor and materials which may be required should unforeseen problems or changes arise after the work has started. Estimate is good for 45 days



MEMO

TO: MAYORS AND TOWN PRESIDENTS

FROM: TRAVIS ALMOND, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *TWA*

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL
REPRESENTATIVE ON SDRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: April 28, 2023

Effective July 1, 2023, the elected municipal official position of the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS) Board of Trustees will be vacant because no elected municipal official submitted an election petition. At their June 14, 2023, meeting, the SDRS Board of Trustees will appoint an elected municipal official to that position to serve a four-year term from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

If your governing body or an interested qualified individual would like to submit a resume for this position, please forward the information to the Executive Director of the South Dakota Retirement System, P.O. Box 1098, Pierre, SD 57501-1098 by Thursday, May 18, 2023. The nominee must be an elected municipal official of a participating municipality.

Please include background information in the resume and outline any qualifications the individual may have that will assist the Board of Trustees in their selection process.

Please feel free to contact Dawn Smith of SDRS at 773-4596 if you have any questions or if you would like additional information.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

TWA:dms

cc: SD Municipal League
Board of Trustees

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 28, 2023
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mark Mayer, (605) 773-3754

DANR RECOGNIZES CITY OF MILLER FOR DRINKING WATER COMPLIANCE

PIERRE — Today the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) announced that the City of Miller public water system and the system's certified operators have been awarded a Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award. The award is for outstanding water system operations and environmental compliance with state drinking water standards for the past year.

"Access to safe and reliable water sources is essential to keeping our families safe and our economy growing," said DANR Secretary Hunter Roberts. "This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of South Dakota's drinking water system operators and their efforts to ensure their customers have access to clean drinking water."

To qualify for the Drinking Water Certification of Achievement Award, public water systems and their system operations specialists had to meet all of the compliance monitoring and reporting requirements, drinking water standards, and certification requirements for 2022.



**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
2022**

By virtue of the authority vested in me, and after due consideration, I do hereby certify that the

City of Miller Public Water System

through extra concern and endeavor has met all federal and state requirements for safe drinking water
and has supplied safe drinking water to the public it serves.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hunter Roberts", is positioned above the title of the Secretary.

Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

2022

By virtue of the authority vested in me, and after due consideration, I do hereby certify that

Terry Manning

through extra concern and endeavor has enabled the

Miller Public Water System

to meet all state requirements for safe drinking water
and has enabled this drinking water system to supply safe drinking water to the public they serve.

Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

2022

By virtue of the authority vested in me, and after due consideration, I do hereby certify that

Brandon Hammill

through extra concern and endeavor has enabled the

Miller Public Water System

to meet all state requirements for safe drinking water
and has enabled this drinking water system to supply safe drinking water to the public they serve.

Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

2023 Budget Training

Pierre | June 21
Sioux Falls | June 28

Registration Deadline June 7

Agenda

9:30 a.m. **Registration**

10:00 a.m. **Municipal Budget Training – Dollars and \$ense**
to
2:00 p.m. *Rod Fortin, Director of Local Government Assistance, Department of Legislative Audit*

- Budget and Appropriations
 - Who is responsible?
 - Why is it important?
- Budget Resources
 - Where can I find help?
- Budget Timeline
 - When do I have to start and finish?
- Budget vs. Cash
 - What is the difference?
- Budget Preparation
 - Details
- Adoption of Appropriation Ordinance
 - Reading, Passage, and Publication
- Budget Execution
 - Set-up in Accounting System
 - Maximum Authorization to Spend
 - Monitoring
 - Increasing
 - Year-end
- Future Budgets
 - Indicators
 - Flow
 - Reserves

*** Noon Lunch Provided**

South Dakota Arms Company is Community Spark

May 11, 2023

Company recognized for contributions to their community during National Small Business Week

South Dakota Arms Company has built a reputation and customer base across the nation in just a few short years.

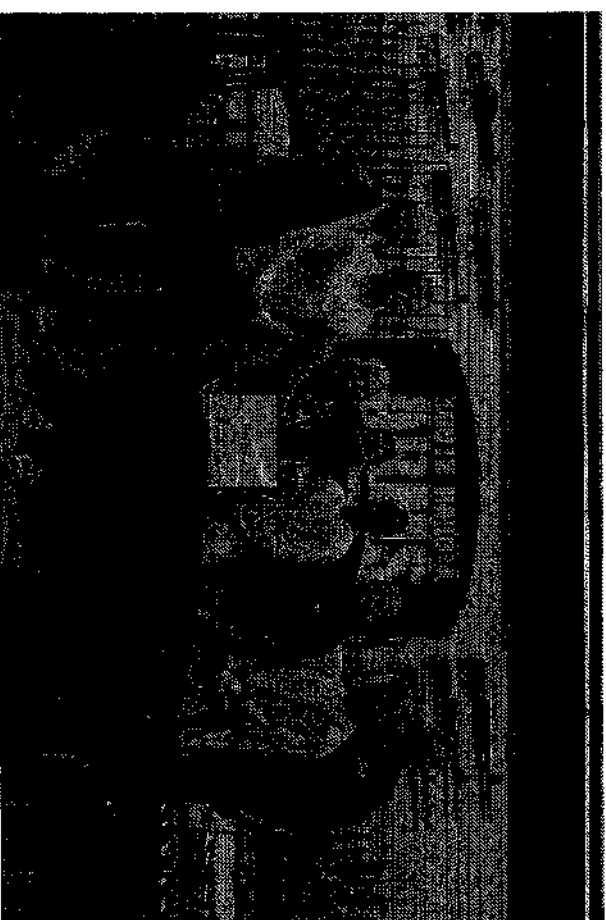
But fate played a role in leading owners Clint and Tala Sandness to where they are today.

"My husband was working in landscape design, and we seriously considered opening our own business," Tala said. "Friends of ours reached out about the opportunity to purchase Simons Outdoor Sports [in St. Lawrence, South Dakota]. My husband is in the military, and I share those interests, and we thought it might be a good fit."

The couple purchased the small business in 2016, moved it to Miller, SD and renamed it South Dakota Arms Company.

In addition to being entrepreneurs, Clint and Tala are active members of the community, serving on various local boards and volunteering for different organizations.

Their investment in the Miller community has not gone unnoticed. South Dakota Arms Company is the 2023 recipient of the Community Spark Award from Heartland Energy. The award recognizes outstanding small businesses in Heartland Energy customer communities.



South Dakota Arms co-owner Tala Sandness, center, received the Heartland Energy Community Spark Award on behalf of her and her husband Clint. From left to right: On Hand Board Member Laine Warkentin, Heartland Energy Director of Economic Development Casey Crabtree, On Hand Director Tara Vost, Sandness, City of Miller electrician Devin Letsche, Heartland Energy Customer Relations Manager Kelly Dybdahl, Miller Electric Superintendent Dustin Graham, and Miller Mayor Tom McGough.

Outdoor sports mecca

South Dakota Arms sells firearms, optics, night scopes, suppressors, ammunition, archery, fishing gear and so much more. Much of the business is dedicated to firearms and accessories, including offering a dedicated gunsmith.

"We offer full ballistic workups and help with zeroing in guns," said Tala. "Our in-house gunsmith has extensive training in machining, and we are Cerakote certified."

Cerakote is a painted ceramic coating that prevents rust and allows for custom-designed guns.

"We started offering Cerakote services in November of 2022 and it's been a huge draw."

The business also stocks and sells rifles from TS Customs, a custom rifle manufacturer also located in Miller.

"TS Customs is one of the top five rifle builders in the nation, and it happens to be only blocks away," Clint said. "We're proud to showcase their work in our store and it helps boost business for both of us."

Looking to the future, Clint said the company plans to expand its relationships with law enforcement agencies through various manufacturers. He also hopes to add more services to customize firearms in-house.

"We are continuously evaluating the market to add relevant products," he said.



South Dakota Arms' Cerakote artist painted this handgun to match the conceal carry pocket.

New, improved location

Clint and Tata opened South Dakota Arms in the city's former lumberyard. Though not ideal for a retail store, it met their needs as a temporary location.

After a few years, the couple found an opportunity for a more permanent and prominent location.

They purchased two narrow adjoining brick buildings on Main Street at the busy intersection of Highways 14 and 45.

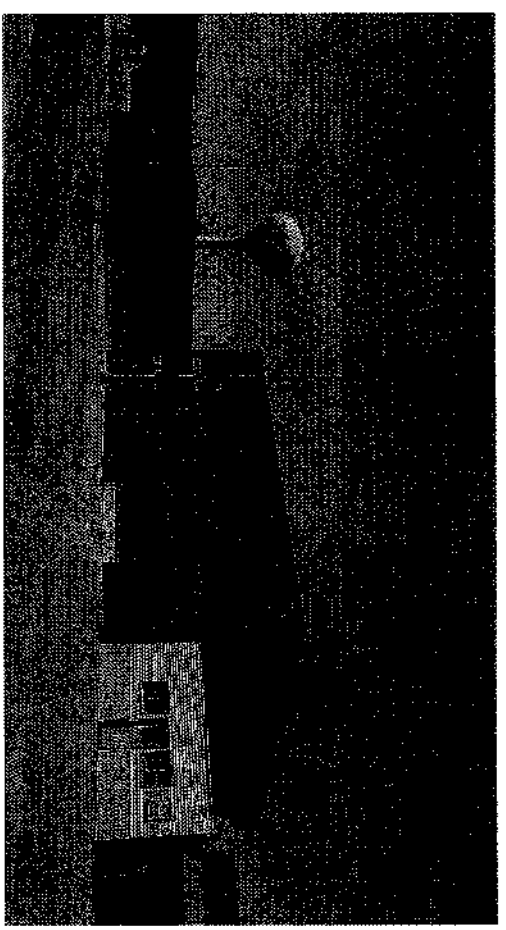
They tore down the shared 21-inch thick wall and combined the buildings into one retail space.

"We installed new walls, flooring, lighting, siding, windows and ceiling. The only thing left from the original buildings are the HVAC systems," said Clint.

The resulting facility is impressive, featuring 2,800 square feet of retail space that includes a 15-yard archery shooting lane. The building also offers office and storage space plus a work area for the gunsmith and precision machine.

The updated facade attracts and welcomes curious passersby, which Tala said is common in this new location.

"We looked up DOT traffic numbers at this location and estimated foot traffic could improve by 40% over the previous store," she said. "We've far exceeded that already."



South Dakota Arms opened in its new Main Street location at the intersection of Highways 14 and 45 in May of 2022.

Commitment to community

The new appearance of South Dakota Arms better matches the company's quality of products and services, which customers say has been solid from the start.

"South Dakota Arms is unique because of their amazing customer service," said Kedra Beranek, former executive director of On Hand Development Corporation, the community's local economic development organization. "Their store is typically full of folks from a huge area because they heard about their terrific reputation."

Beranek nominated South Dakota Arms for the Community Spark Award.

"The success of their business has brought thousands of dollars of sales tax revenue to the city of Miller," she said. "They have also cleaned up the corner of a major intersection in our community and helped beautify our Main Street."

Beranek also commended the Sandhesses for their involvement in various local organizations. Both Clint and Tala have served on the Miller Civic & Commerce board of directors, of which Tala remains a member. Each year the couple coordinates a banded rooster release contest sponsored by the Miller C&C, which offers prizes to hunters for harvesting banded roosters.

Clint and Tala also volunteer for the Sunshine Bible Academy, where their children attend school. Clint has served on the SBA School Board and they helped start a clay target team at the school.

Clint, also a member of the South Dakota National Guard, currently serves on the Community Church of St. Lawrence elder board.

"Clint and Tala deserve to be recognized for their investment in Miller and their dedication to our community," Beranek added.

Community Spark

Heartland Energy created the Community Spark Award to celebrate National Small Business Week. Nominations were accepted for the award across Heartland Energy's customer base.

"Small businesses are the lifeblood of rural communities," said Heartland Energy Director of Economic Development Casey Crabtree. "They keep our customer communities thriving, providing goods and services for residents and oftentimes drawing in visitors, which helps the local economy thrive."

South Dakota Arms was chosen from an attractive pool of nominees. Ultimately, they were chosen for their dedication and contributions to the Miller community as well as their entrepreneurial spirit, which keeps their business booming.

"From modest beginnings to an impressive, prominent presence on Main Street, South Dakota Arms is a model of Midwest small business success," Crabtree said. "Clint and Tala operate with integrity and work hard to offer the best product for their customers. The business draws people to Miller, which helps spur revenue for the city and other local businesses."

Heartland Energy, based in Madison, SD, provides wholesale power and energy to the city of Miller as well as other municipalities throughout the Midwest. They provide a variety of programs and services, such as economic development and energy efficiency, to help their customers succeed. The Community Spark Award recognizes small businesses in customer communities for their contributions and service to the community. The award is presented in conjunction with National Small Business Week.



Tala Sandness co-owns South Dakota Arms Company with her husband Clint, who is also a member of the South Dakota National Guard. Clint was out of town during the awards presentation, compelling in shooting for a South Dakota team.

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