

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 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, May 17, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegaard, Tony Rangel, Jeff Swartz, Joe Zeller, and Alderwoman Tammy Lichty. Absent: Bob Steers.

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. 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 May 3, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Elect President and Vice President: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to nominate Tony Rangel as council president. Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tony Rangel as president. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Zeller to nominate Jeff Swartz as vice president. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Swartz for vice president. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

The City of Miller received a gift card from Kessler's as a thank you for the extra effort that it has taken to get the gas cards working.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Electric Department Training Agreement: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the Training Reimbursement and Compensation Agreement for the electric department employees. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – absent, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

FrontDesk Software: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to table purchasing the FrontDesk Software from gWorks until next year depending on the budget. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Sydney Jessen – Pool: Sydney Jessen, pool manager, stated that they hope to have the pool open by June 1st, two weeks earlier than last year. They plan to go back to pre-COVID hours of 1-5 and 7-9 p.m., Sunday – Friday, and 1-5 on Saturday. Luke Naber is the assistant swim coach and will be the lifeguard on duty for swim team, so no additional guard will be necessary. They plan to have a busy summer with Rustler Roost being at the pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Highmore is planning to bring 10-15 kids on Mondays and Wednesdays during open swim. The pool open house is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th, 11-2 and 4-7. There will be training of guards at our pool May 26-28.

Kecia Beranek – On Hand: Kecia Beranek was present to give an update of the happenings at On Hand Economic Development. They have two potential new businesses, and another business is expanding. Three employers are taking advantage of the employer new hire matching program. They are setting up a team to research the hotel project and find investors. A Welcome to Miller sign is in the works to be placed at the north end of town. Their door is always open. Anyone and everyone are welcome to come visit about their projects.

Nancy Froning Letter – 5th Street Bike Path: Nancy Froning has requested that the city look into other options for the 5th Street bike path. Alderman Zeller was part of the planning committee with On Hand and will visit with her.

HR & Finance Officers’ School: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to have Sheila Coss and Cindy Deuter attend HR school June 8 & 9. Deuter and Christi Danburg (for St. Lawrence) will attend Finance Officers’ school June 9-11 all in Pierre. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Utility Committee – Dakota Energy: The Utility Committee and Dustin Graham met with Chad Felderman, Lynn Kruse, and Mike Moncur from Dakota Energy. They presented the committee with a price list of services that they are able to offer to the City of Miller as needed. They are not requesting a contract or agreement as they work with other municipalities within their service area. They cannot provide on-call services at this time.

Personnel Policy Change – Flex: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to accept employee policy manual revisions concerning “flex time” in Policy 5.4 and 5.5. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

5.4 Call Back Pay
When an employee is called in to work or required to be at a meeting concerning city business, he/she shall receive a minimum of one hour of work time to be applied to his/her total hours worked for the work week. Minimum of one hour based on 15-minute increments thereafter.

5.5 Flex Time
The council authorizes flexible work hours within the 40-hour work week in situations where it is appropriate or necessary. Employees must still adhere to the standard 40-hour work week unless flex time or overtime has been approved in advance by their supervisor.

Police Department Roof Repair: Joe Zeller checked out the leaking roof on the police department and has consulted Donlin Building for repair options.

Building Permits: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve a building permit for Tim & Diane Goetz to place a shed on their property if it is in line with or set farther back than their house. All members voted aye; Alderman Odegaard abstained. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance #717 – Budget Supplement: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve the first reading of Ordinance #717 – Budget Supplement. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – absent, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

Community Center Road – Dahme Construction: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to have Dahme Construction repair East 6th Street next to the community center for \$24,772.04. The city will remove the old pavement with assistance from the county and provide any necessary base fill. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the bills. 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 8:01 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills May 2021 (1)

A & B Business	Copier Meter	182.05
Agtegra	Fuel	392.85
American Solutions	Supplies	15.07
AmericInn	Lodging	606.18
Anderberg, Travis	Recount	20.00
AT&T	Cell Phone	45.41
Beaner, Mike	Recount	20.00
C & B Operations	JD Mower	9,500.00
CK Welding	Service	22.50
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	697.52
Creative Product Sourcing	D.A.R.E. T-Shirts	259.20
DPC	Service Call	2,173.47
Donlin Building	Supplies	90.83
Elan	Supplies	5,350.05
Farnam's	Parts	647.75
First Bank & Trust	Loan	412,492.51
Freddie's Electric Motor	Supplies	28.22
Graham, Dustin	Reimb	64.00
Hand County Publishing	Supplies	185.85
HCPD	Power	5,557.96
Hughes Electric	Repairs	700.00
Kessler's	Fuel	1,821.83
MicroFix	Repairs	80.00
MDRWS	Water	16,560.75
Midco	Telephones	465.89
Milbank WinWater	Supplies	2,425.98
Miller Ace	Supplies	801.38
Miller C & C	Fireworks	1,000.00
Miller Concrete	Supplies	282.25
MMUA	Lineman College	768.50
Nature Bound	Plant	50.00
Northwest Pipe	Supplies	114.57
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Fittings	936.99
OHED	Industry	6,250.00
Praxair	Supplies	87.25
Reber, Zach	Reimb	64.00
Riter Rogers Law	Prof Fees	332.50
RD	Loan	16,403.00
SDAWRS	Regist.	25.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	11,902.56
Selting, Sandra	Recount	20.00
Share Corp	Supplies	525.44
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	1,035.00
Tony's Repair	Repairs	52.90
USA Bluebook	Supplies	135.57
WAPA	Power	37,936.88
Wesco	Supplies	692.76
	Accounts Payable Total	\$539,822.42

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		5/11/2021 & 5/18/2021		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	1,375.35	0.00	1,375.35
42101	POLICE	11,320.61	840.24	12,160.85
43101	STREET	5,857.86	0.00	5,857.86
43201	SEWER	5,378.88	573.14	5,952.02
43305	WATER	5,378.74	573.12	5,951.86
43403	ELECTRIC	8,390.31	0.00	8,390.31
45101	BALLPARK	468.28	0.00	468.28
45202	PARK	289.62	0.00	289.62
		\$38,459.65	\$1,986.50	\$40,446.15