

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2022

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 Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegaard, Jeff Swartz, Mike Wetz (via phone @ 7:30), Joe Zeller, and Alderwomen Susan Hargens and 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 Alderwoman Lichty to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on June 6, 2022, and the special meeting held June 13, 2022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mary Jo Gortmaker commented on the previous petition to have the city look into countywide law enforcement. She stated that now would be an appropriate time to do research due to Shannon Speck's retirement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Personnel Committee Recommendations: The personnel committee recommended that COVID pay be discontinued as of December 2020. The federal government no longer reimburses the city for sick time taken due to an employee contracting COVID.

Street Committee – Camping, Fountain: The street committee recommended that the city allow camping for seven days per our ordinances but strike out “unless there is prior approval from the park manager or street superintendent.” The city does not wish to compete with local campgrounds for their business. Officer Henson asked what the consequences will be for someone that does not move out after seven days. The street committee presented a few options for the park fountain from two fountain suppliers.

Council Code of Conduct: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the Council Code of Conduct. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Wetz – absent, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Swim Club – Duck Race Donation: Suzy Keck was present on behalf of the Miller Swim Club to ask for a donation for a 2023 family pool pass for their annual duck race fundraiser. Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to donate a 2023 family pool pass to the Miller Swim Club. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Heather Hill – Road Repair Reimbursement: Heather Hill was present to ask for reimbursement of the road repair that she paid for in 2021. At that time, West 5th Avenue was not scheduled to be torn up for the water and sewer project, so she paid to patch the street from her utility installation. The street has since been added to the project. Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to reimburse Heather \$196.00 plus excise tax. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

1st Reading of Ordinance #732: Mayor Blachford read Ordinance #732 to change the city's budget reading timeline from the first meeting of September to the first meeting of November.

Mileage Reimbursement: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Swartz to set the city mileage reimbursement rate to the federal rate retroactive to June 1, 2022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permit: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve a building permit for Nathan Nye to move a garage onto his property for a workshop and storage. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee Recommendation: The personnel committee presented a job description for the Utility Floater position for the council to review.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Zeller to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:00 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Zeller seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to come out of executive session at 10:10 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Interim Police Chief: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Wetz to appoint Jim Henson as interim police chief for \$22.00/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Advertise for Police Chief: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to advertise statewide for a police chief. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mary Jo Gortmaker asked if they are going to consider countywide law enforcement. Alderman Swartz stated that they will have a committee look into it.

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills June 2022 (2)

A & B Business	Supplies	193.23
A-Ox Welding	Supplies	53.68
Avera	Prof Fees	422.00
CNH Industrial Capital	Supplies	427.72
Code Enforcement Spc.	Prof Fees	512.91
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	1,786.23
Dakota Land Mgmt	Service	4,493.26
Display Sales	State Flags	119.00
Dollar General	Supplies	210.25
Forte	Prof Fees	143.25
Galls	Supplies	109.55
Hawkins	Chemical	3,861.65
HCPD	Power	2,088.50
John Deere Financial	Supplies	21.80
Kessler's	Supplies	155.21
Miller Ace	Supplies	1,826.00
MFD	Hydrant Flushing	216.00
Northwest Pipe	Supplies	27.05
OHED	Industry	6,750.00
Petty Cash	Reimb	26.89
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	133.12
Resco	Supplies	523.80
Riter Rogers Law	Prof Fees	1,995.00
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SDARWS	Dues	590.00
SD DANR	Fees	650.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	10,506.72
Share Corp	Supplies	160.85
Spence Quarries	Aggregate	319.99
Tony's Repair	Repairs	18.95
WAPA	Power	32,618.25
Wesco	Supplies	818.71
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$88,182.57</u>

**Payroll Salary plus
Benefits by Department:**06/09/2022 &
06/16/2022

Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41402 FINANCE OFFICE	3,083.66	0.00	3,083.66
42101 POLICE	12,572.84	952.35	13,525.19
43101 STREET	6,880.65	40.31	6,920.96
43201 SEWER	5,592.94	753.23	6,346.17
43305 WATER	5,592.83	753.22	6,346.05
43403 ELECTRIC	8,837.71	269.21	9,106.92
45101 BALLPARK	1,397.07	0.00	1,397.07
45103 POOL	2,733.74	0.00	2,733.74
	<u>\$46,691.44</u>	<u>\$2,768.32</u>	<u>\$49,459.76</u>