

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 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 Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegaard, Tony Rangel, Bob Steers, Jeff Swartz, Joe Zeller, and Alderwoman 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 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 June 21, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Randy Bertsch was present to ask when the engineers plan to begin the flood study near his home. He had 1.20” of rainwater in his basement. Terry Manning said the engineers were in town today to begin the flood study.

Ron Blachford congratulated Terry Manning and the city for the great DOT airport inspection report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The council did not have any questions for the department heads.

NEW BUSINESS

Pool Committee – New Pool Presentation: The Pool Committee consisting of Sarah DeHaai, Steve Schroeder, Jill VanDerWerff, Bryan Breitling, and Josh Layer, Burbach Aquatics gave a presentation on the new pool. They covered the history and condition of the existing pool, new pool plans, and funding plans. The tentative start date for the Capital Campaign is August 1, 2021 with construction to begin in August of 2023 and to be completed for an opening date of June 1, 2024. Alderman Steers and Mayor Blachford thanked them for their time and effort and promised city support.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Blachford called for a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. for a liquor license transfer. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the liquor license transfer from Hi-Lite Bar & Grill to Redneck Paradise. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

Keith Blachford – Utilities: Keith Blachford was present to dispute his notice to collections for unpaid late fees. Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to write off \$15.93 of late fees. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Blachford also brought up prior issues from 2018 regarding water in the crawl space of his house and electrical issues during Phase I of the water construction and the electric project. The Utility Committee will meet to discuss this issue.

Roger Haberling – Baseball Warning Track: Roger Haberling reported that the warning track sand is washing away and affecting the integrity of the fence. He would like permission to visit Spencer Quarries in Spencer, SD to look at crushed red rock that works well for warning tracks. The cost is \$7.00/ton or \$25.00/ton with trucking. Haberling is working with Dan Fritzsche, Miller Concrete, for the quantities needed. He was authorized to visit Spencer Quarries and report back to the council with his findings.

Dustin Graham – Crane for Substation: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have Dustin Graham order a crane to load the transformers from the

substation next to the football field. The crane cost will be split with Parker as they are purchasing one of the transformers. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill Lewellen – As Needed Employee: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Swartz to hire Bill Lewellen at \$80.00/hour retroactively for an as needed employee. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-11 – Surplus Property: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve Resolution 2021-11 – Surplus Property. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Willies Bar & Grill – Special Event Liquor Licenses: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve special event liquor licenses for July 10, 2021, and August 21, 2021, for Willie's Bar & Grill to serve alcohol at the community center. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

City Park Well: Alderman Rangel has not heard back from any companies regarding a well at the city park.

Kessler's Fuel Bid: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Zeller to revoke the Kessler's fuel bid and accept the next bid from Cowboy Country Store of .06/gallon discount along with the fuel tax rebate. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Kessler's must have their billing systems in place for city business to be considered for the 2022 bids.

Elected Officials Workshop: Elected Officials workshop is scheduled for July 14th in Pierre.

Helms & Associates Invoice: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Rangel to pay Helms & Associates \$11,940.77 for invoice number 24113. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Project: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to pay **SPN Phase II** invoices 24011-24014 and **Phase III** invoices 24048-24053 for a total of \$52,040.38. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Rangel to approve **Dahme Construction** Pay Request No. 24 for \$290,561.43. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve **Dahme Construction** Change Order No. 6 for \$103,711.51. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to pay **TLC Olson Construction, LLC** Pay Request No. 8 for \$348,181.03. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Regional Natural Gas Utility Authority:

Joint Powers Agreement: The council reviewed the revised Joint Powers Agreement for the Regional Gas Authority. **First Reading of Ordinance #718 – Natural Gas:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #718 – Natural Gas. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 2021-10 – Board Member Appointee:** Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve Resolution 2021-10 to appoint Joe Zeller to the Regional Natural Gas Authority Board. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – abstain, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

Maintenance for Police Roof, Pool Pump House Roof, and Electric Building: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Swartz to use the specs provided by Joe Zeller to repair the roof on the pool pump house and add steel to the electric building. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Zeller is still reviewing the police roof issues.

Main Street Rustlers Banners: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have Millerdale Colony order 10 Miller Rustlers Banners for main street for approximately \$120.00/banner. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mid-Dakota Rural Water is seeking a Municipal-At-Large Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Swartz to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 9:26 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to come out of executive session at 9:45 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Offer Maintenance Position: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty offer the full-time maintenance position to Devin Letsche for \$15.00/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Letsche was contacted by phone and will start July 26, 2021.

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

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Steers to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, 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 July 2021 (1)

A & B Business	Copier Meter	154.31
A-Ox Welding	CO2	49.10
Agtegra	Fuel	1,322.95
American Solutions	Supplies	1,033.18
Associated Supply Co	Repairs	744.39
BDS	Garbage	179.00
City Utilities	Utilities	8,134.08
Dahme Construction	Phase II Construction	290,561.43
DSG	Supplies	1,162.30
DGR Engineering	Prof Fees	698.00
gWorks	FrontDesk	3,235.00
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	11,940.77
J& M Aircraft Supply	Supplies	322.06
John Deere Financial	Supplies	39.60
MDRWS	Water	19,811.25
Miller Rexall Drug	Supplies	9.26
Northwest Pipe	Supplies	295.50
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	5.49
OHED	80% BBB	1,057.09
On Sght	Service Fees	450.68
Postmaster	Postage	325.00
SD DANR	Permit Fees	650.00
SD Public Health Lab	Tests	241.00
Servall	Service	78.09
Share Corp	Supplies	1,056.88
Spencer Quarries	Patch Mix	895.90
SPN	Prof Fees	52,040.38
Stobbs Sales	Repairs	2,540.72
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	230.00
TLC Olson Construction	Phase III Construction	348,181.03
Twin Valley Tire	Repairs	29.55
USBank	Loan	18,165.39
Wesco	Supplies	8,140.00
WEX	Fuel	182.24
Wilbur-Ellis	Supplies	54.48
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$774,016.10</u>

Payroll Salary plus		6/29/2021 & 6/30/2021		
Benefits by Department:		& 7/06/2021		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41101 COUNCIL		1,959.22	0.00	1,959.22
41402 FINANCE OFFICE		1,375.37	0.00	1,375.37
41902 BUILDING		424.03	0.00	424.03
42101 POLICE		10,656.66	1,025.72	11,682.38
43101 STREET		5,795.81	0.00	5,795.81
43201 SEWER		5,364.17	465.42	5,829.59
43305 WATER		5,364.05	465.41	5,829.46
43403 ELECTRIC		8,323.24	288.75	8,611.99
45101 BALLPARK		2,747.50	0.00	2,747.50
45202 PARK		996.36	0.00	996.36
45103 POOL		6,581.74	0.00	6,581.74
		<u>\$49,588.15</u>	<u>\$2,245.30</u>	<u>\$51,833.45</u>