

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 20, 2020

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, July 20, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Tony Rangel, Bob Steers, Jeff Swartz, Joe Zeller and Alderwoman SuAnne Meyer. Absent: Alderman Jim Odegard

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

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held July 6, 2020, and the special meeting held July 8, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Randy Bertsch was present with concerns about the storm sewer inlets next to his house. He stated that they are full of dirt and silt. The heavy rains last weekend caused flooding in his basement and standing water for at least 4 hours around his house. He understands that the system is not built to handle 4 inches of rain in that short of a time frame, but the system needs to be kept clean to allow rainwater to drain as quickly as possible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rem & Marla McGeorge – Mobile Home/Camper: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Meyer to deny McGeorge's request to place a mobile home on a lot not designated for mobile homes. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Currently, city code does not address using campers for permanent living. The council does not want to set a precedence to allow permanent camper living. An ordinance will be drafted to address this matter if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Yearous – Building Permit Concerns: Steve & Bonnie Yearous and Heather Odden were present to discuss placing a home and a garage on Lots 6 & 7, Block 5, Coquilletette's Addition. The house will be okay as presented, but it was requested that Yearous apply for a variance for the garage.

Building Permits: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Meyer to approve the following building permits: Craig Price – deck, Gale Auch – pavilion, Hazel Appley – handicap ramp. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Steve Yearous – garage building permit will be discussed with a variance at the next regular meeting on August 3, 2020.

Kecia Beranek – OHED Quarterly Review: Kecia Beranek was present to give an overview of the second quarter happenings with On Hand Economic Development. The Wyndham Group is looking at the possibility of a hotel in Miller with assistance from local investors. Kecia has visited with the main street businesses regarding COVID concerns. Economic Development is looking to implement a new recruitment program for all career fields. They are also looking into a new industrial development park. Economic Development would like to commend the city in their cleanup efforts and removal of dilapidated houses.

Patrick Price – C&C Christmas Light Show: Patrick Price was present on behalf of the C&C to request permission to have a Christmas light show in the city park that is set to music. Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Rangel to let Patrick plan and implement a Christmas light show in the park. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Arlen Gortmaker – PDM & LEOP: Arlen Gortmaker, Hand County Emergency Manager was present to ask the council to review and update the city's PDM (Pre-Disaster Mitigation

Plan) and LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan). NECOG will hold a planning meeting August 25, 2020, to assist Hand County, towns and townships with the planning.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Application: Motion by Alderwoman Meyer, seconded by Alderman Zeller to have Mayor Blachford sign a grant application for a FEMA grant to study the flooding issues that occur mostly in the southeast corner of Miller. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-11 Contingency Transfer: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the reading of Resolution 2020-11 – Contingency Funds Transfer. Roll call vote: Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Meyer – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – absent. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-12 Hazard Mitigation: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve the reading of Resolution 2020-12 – Hazard Mitigation. Roll call vote: Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Meyer – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – absent. Motion carried.

Ash Tree Replacement: Mayor Blachford would like the council and the parks department to start budgeting annually to replace some of the ash trees with a variety of trees.

Special Event Liquor License: Motion by Alderwoman Meyer, seconded by Alderman Rangel to allow Turtle Creek Steakhouse to serve alcohol at the community center on September 12, 2020. Four ayes, one absent, Alderman Steers abstained. Motion carried.

Helms & Associates Invoice 21715: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve Helms & Associates invoice 21715 for \$958.12. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Terry Manning – DENR Awards: Mayor Blachford commended Terry Manning and the City of Miller for the Drinking Water Certification of Achievement award received from DENR.

Cultural Survey Statement: Helms & Associates sent out letters to contractors to bid on the Cultural Survey Statement that is required for the airport improvement plan. The airport committee along with Sheila and Terry will need to choose a contractor next week.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Alderwoman Meyer, seconded by Alderman Swartz 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 9:29 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

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Bills July 2020 (2)

Agtegra	Fuel	1,481.99
AT&T	Cell Phone	45.25
Bob's Gas	Fuel	500.00
Civil Design	Prof Fees	5,061.00
CNH Industrial	Supplies	479.12
Core & Main	Supplies	264.72
Cowboy Country Store	Fuel	506.90
Elan	Supplies	1,621.34
Fischer Plumbing	Repairs	56.28
HCPD	Power	8,748.04
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	958.12
Hughes Electric	Ballfield Breaker	2,622.45
Larry's Repair	Repairs	500.38
Midco	Telephones	455.76
MMUA	Safety Classes	3,337.50
MCC	Supplement No.5	462.32
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	93.95
OHED	Industry	6,250.00
Petty Cash	Postage	31.85
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	21.00
Riter Rogers Law	Prof Fees	1,785.00
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	9,546.89
Share Corporation	Supplies	448.22
SD One Call	Locates	135.52
Spencer Quarries	Materials	152.89
Storey Kenworthy	Supplies	693.17
Sturdevant's	Parts	81.91
Tony's Repair	Service	80.00
WAPA	Power	37,429.30
Wesco	Supplies	184.40
Wilbur-Ellis	Supplies	53.97
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$100,492.24</u>

Payroll Salary plus Benefits by Department:		7/14/2020 & 7/21/2020		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41410	FINANCE OFFICE	1,320.02	0.00	1,320.02
42110	POLICE	11,001.58	2,252.52	13,254.10
43110	STREET	7,763.08	778.90	8,541.98
43210	SEWER	5,321.10	823.82	6,144.92
43310	WATER	5,321.03	823.82	6,144.85
43410	ELECTRIC	8,628.55	201.00	8,829.55
45110	BALL PARK	189.33	0.00	189.33
45210	PARK	1,026.33	0.00	1,026.33
45310	POOL	6,802.70	0.00	6,802.70
		<u>\$47,373.72</u>	<u>\$4,880.06</u>	<u>\$52,253.78</u>