

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 2, 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, August 2, 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 Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on July 19, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Shirley Hofer was present to ask the council if they have met with the county commissioners regarding countywide law enforcement like was promised at the public meeting. Alderman Steers contacted Sarah DeHaai regarding possible concerns with the new strain of COVID. They are closely monitoring it and strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated. Alderman Rangel would like to remind the public that they should not use profanity with employees and council members. Please attend a council meeting if you have any concerns.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Alderman Swartz asked Ron Hoftiezer if he was aware of a broken teeter totter in the park. Ron fixed it the day he was told out about it. Alderman Steers asked Sheila Coss about the ordinances concerning medical cannabis. Mayor Blachford will appoint a committee to review the requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Sharon Spangler – Special Event Liquor License: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve a special event liquor license for Sharon Spangler, Orient Bar to serve alcohol at the community center on October 2, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Brandon Hammill – Pay Raise: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to give Brandon Hammill a \$3.00/hour raise effective immediately for passing the Class I Wastewater Collection and Class I Stabilization Pond certifications. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Council Work Sessions: Alderman Swartz attended the Elected Officials workshop in Pierre on July 14. One of the suggestions was council work sessions to work on various projects and create 5–10-year plans. A brainstorming session will be added to the next agenda to determine projects and priorities. They will decide on a special meeting schedule for subsequent work sessions.

Airport Grant Acceptance: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Odegaard have Mayor Blachford sign the grant agreement for Airport Improvement Project #3-46-0035-012-2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Agenda Cutoff Date and Time: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to set the cutoff time for agenda items at 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Monday council meeting. A notice will be added to the bottom of all agendas. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Project: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Steers to pay **SPN Phase II** invoices 24252-24253 and **Phase III** invoices 24242-24246 for a total of

\$35,632.25. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve **Dahme Construction** Pay Request Twenty-Five for \$302,546.84. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to pay **TLC Olson Construction, LLC** Pay Request Nine for \$128,980.13. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permits: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve a building permit for Cowboy Country Store to install a dinosaur on their lot contingent upon DOT approval and city department head approvals and to approve a removal permit for Jerry Fanning to remove the Hi-Lite Bar & Lounge building pending city department head approvals. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Mid-Dakota Water Rate Increase: The City received a letter from Mid-Dakota with water rate increases for 2022. Terry Manning has asked for more water allotment for the city. It will be determined in the budget process if the city needs to raise water rates to cover the additional cost of Mid-Dakota water.

DANR Achievement Award: The City of Miller and Terry Manning received a Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award from the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Thank you to Terry for his excellent work in obtaining this award.

Set Special Budget Meeting: The finance committee will meet on August 12 at 6:00 p.m. to review the budget. They will present the budget to the entire council at a special meeting to be held on August 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Correspondence: SDML and SDPAA are both seeking board members. Miller C&C sent out a January – July newsletter.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the bills for payment. 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 8:07 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills August 2021 (1)

American Solutions	Supplies	22.58
ARS Protec Roofing	Repairs	343.88
BDS	Garbage	179.00
Builders Solutions	Supplies	58.32
City Utilities	Utilities	11,207.97
Cook Implement	Supplies	531.31
Dahme Construction	Phase II Construction	302,546.84
Dollar General	Supplies	10.50
Hand County Publishing	Publications	1,447.57
Pioneer Garage	Parts	25.61
Jones Construction	Repairs	2,781.00
Nelson, Dave	Reimb	116.93
Northwest Pipe	Fittings	17.32
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	19.84
OHED	80% BBB	6,445.64
Postmaster	Postage	380.00
SD DANR	Exam Fee	60.00
SD Public Health Lab	Tests	45.00
SD Dept of Public Safety	Service	2,340.00
Servall	Service	78.09
SPN	Prof Fees	35,632.25
Stan Houston Equipment	Supplies	3,270.00
TLC Olson Construction	Phase III Construction	128,980.13
Twin Valley Tire	Repairs	757.97
US Bank	Loans	32,607.65
VanDiest Supply	Chemical	1,023.75
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$530,929.15</u>

**Payroll Salary plus
Benefits by Department:**

7/27/2021 & 7/30/2021
& 8/03/2021

Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41101 COUNCIL	2,895.78	0.00	2,895.78
41402 FINANCE OFFICE	1,375.35	0.00	1,375.35
41902 BUILDING	403.04	0.00	403.04
42101 POLICE	11,144.21	1,044.81	12,189.02
43101 STREET	5,979.24	29.63	6,008.87
43201 SEWER	5,423.54	408.69	5,832.23
43305 WATER	5,423.46	408.69	5,832.15
43403 ELECTRIC	10,234.76	262.50	10,497.26
45101 BALLPARK	2,002.71	0.00	2,002.71
45202 PARK	1,075.23	0.00	1,075.23
45103 POOL	7,825.80	0.00	7,825.80
	<u>\$53,783.12</u>	<u>\$2,154.32</u>	<u>\$55,937.44</u>