

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 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 16, 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 as amended to remove the county plat. 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 August 2, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jerry Fanning was present to ask about opening a beer garden behind the Hi-Lite in order to use his liquor license before it expires at the state. The license is valid for the entire legal description of the property which does not block access to any apartments. The council gave him their permission to hold events as necessary to keep the license valid. Jerry stated that he hopes to have the new business running by June 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Sydney Jessen – 2021 Pool Overview: Pool manager, Sydney Jessen, stated that 2021 was the busiest summer she has ever worked at the pool. A total of 5,353 swimmers utilized the pool this year. Highmore brought over a bus of swimmers every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Rustler Roost attended on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Hand in Hand Daycare used the kiddie pool on Mondays and Wednesdays. They had 56 kids sign up for an average of five private lessons each. Sydney would like to cut back from four swim lesson sessions to three in order to have more time for private lessons next year. Water aerobics also had more attendees this year than prior years. Sydney thanked Terry Manning, Gordy Gross and Brandon Hammill for making her job easier this year.

Brandon Hammill – Water Distribution Class I Test: Brandon Hammill passed his Water Distribution Class I test on August 5, 2021. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to give Brandon \$1.50/hour pay increase effective immediately for passing per previous agreement. The city is required to have 2 certified employees. Alderman Steers congratulated Brandon on this accomplishment. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Chief Speck – Response to the Editor’s Note: Police Chief Shannon Speck commented on the Editor’s Note that was in *The Miller Press* on August 7, 2021, regarding Sheriff Croeni’s comments about Shannon Speck not attending the meeting or returning his phone calls and a mutual aid issue. Chief Speck stated that he had a prior commitment and could not attend the meeting. Sheriff Croeni had an old phone number for Chief Speck, therefore there were no missed calls. Speck has given Croeni his personal cell number. Speck has reviewed the sheriff’s interagency assist policy and sent it to the city attorney for review. These issues were resolved prior to the publication of the August 7th issue.

Code Enforcement Violations: Code Enforcer, Joel Johnson, sent a list of individuals that are ready for abatement. The council has asked that he proceed with the abatement process.

Airport Project – Helms & Associates: Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to pay Hems & Associates \$22,162.65 for invoice #24297. All members voted aye. Motion carried. **Midland Contracting Pay Estimate 2:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve Midland Contracting Pay Estimate 2 for \$154,320.75. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

SDML Fall Conference: Terry Manning, Dustin Graham and Sheila Coss plan to attend the entire fall conference in Spearfish on October 5-8. Ron Hoftiezer plans to attend one day, and Jeff Swartz might attend. The other council members will decide by September 20th.

Department Head Spending Authority: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to raise the department head spending authority to \$1,000. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permits: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to allow Curt Spangler to move a garage onto his property contingent upon Dustin Graham's approval and to approve St. Ann's placement of a sign. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Bid for Electric Department Building Repair: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to accept the bid of \$9,733.78 from Zeller Construction to repair the electric building exterior. Letters seeking bids were sent to all local contractors. Zeller was the only bid received. Five members voted aye; Alderman Zeller abstained. Motion carried.

Bid for Pool Pump House Roof: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Rangel to accept the bid of \$933.00 from Zeller Construction to shingle the pool pump house. Letters seeking bids were sent to all local contractors. Zeller was the only bid received. Five members voted aye; Alderman Zeller abstained. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brainstorm Work Sessions: The council will set up regular work sessions to work on a variety of issues. The first work session is planned for October. No formal action will be taken at any work session meetings.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded Alderman Odegaard by to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:29 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion Alderman Rangel, seconded Alderman Odegaard to come out of executive session at 9:22 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded Alderman Steers by to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

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Bills August 2021 (2)

A & B Business	Copier Meter	194.14
A-Ox Welding	Supplies	18.57
Agtegra	Fuel	3,205.82
American Solutions	Supplies	122.28
Avera Occupational Medicine	Test	92.00
Blake, Abigail	Reimb	121.73
CNH Industrial	Supplies	75.20
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	1,895.05
Dakota Land Mgmt	Spraying	3,766.55
DeHaai, Aubrey	Reimb	121.73
Display Sales	Supplies	1,479.50
Elan	Supplies	1,639.04
Farnam's	Parts	367.25
Ford, Cynthia	Reimb	121.73
Hammill, Brandon	Reimb	89.20
HCPD	Power	23,055.63
Heilman, Kaia	Reimb	231.03
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	22,162.65
Jessen, Sydney	Reimb	98.56
John Deere Financial	Repairs	2,559.76
MDRWS	Water	18,895.50
Midco	Telephones	466.24
Midland Contracting	Cap Imp	154,320.75
Milbank WinWater	Supplies	29.00
Miller Ace	Supplies	1,776.13
Miller Rexall	Supplies	16.27
Northwest Pipe	Supplies	2,138.40
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	97.94
OHED	Industry	6,250.00
Petty Cash	Postage	38.63
Pollardwater	Supplies	21.00
Potomac Aviation	Repairs/Parts	258.42
Prairie Wind Promotions	Clothing	234.00
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	458.39
Reber, Zachary	Reimb	50.00
Resel, Heather	Reimb	121.73
RD	Loans	16,403.00
Russell, Preslie	Reimb	118.30
SD Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax	6,772.49
SD Federal Property	Supplies	71.50
Sivertsen, Kaden	Reimb	98.56
Spencer Quarries	Aggregate	590.65
Stan Houston	Supplies	34.61
Stuart C Irby	Clothing	425.00
Sturdevant's	Parts	78.20
Terex Corp	Annual Inspections	2,684.10
Tony's Repair	Repairs	53.40
Uline	Supplies	226.68
Van Zee, Tori	Reimb	98.56
WAPA	Power	37,766.85
Wesco	Supplies	1,364.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$313,375.72</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		8/10/2021 & 8/17/2021		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	1,378.35	0.00	1,378.35
42101	POLICE	11,002.51	544.14	11,546.65
43101	STREET	6,475.68	290.57	6,766.25
43201	SEWER	5,542.09	678.41	6,220.50
43305	WATER	5,718.09	678.39	6,396.48
43403	ELECTRIC	9,209.10	67.50	9,276.60
43501	AIRPORT	73.47	0.00	73.47
45101	BALLPARK	1,296.25	0.00	1,296.25
45202	PARK	876.49	0.00	876.49
45103	POOL	6,809.84	0.00	6,809.84
		<u>\$48,381.87</u>	<u>\$2,259.01</u>	<u>\$50,640.88</u>