

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2021

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The City Council met in special session at city hall at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegaard, Tony Rangel, Bob Steers, Jeff Swartz, and Alderwoman Tammy Lichty. Absent: Joe Zeller.

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 Rangel to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded Alderman Swartz to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 6:24 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion Alderman Rangel, seconded Alderwoman Lichty to come out of executive session at 6:57 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Quoin Bank Water Issue: Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Rangel to give the utility committee the authority to decide how to proceed with the water problems at Quoin Bank after consulting with the engineers and contractors who have been working on the problem. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2022 Budget Review: Patrick Price was present on behalf of C&C. He stated that they would like to turn the fireworks project over to the city as the cost of \$6,000 is approximately half of their annual budget. They would like to use their budget to focus on other events that bring business to downtown. Alderwoman Lichty stated that the finance committee only budgeted for the \$2,000 original request. Members of the audience had suggestions for fundraising for C&C. Kecia Beranek gave a power point for On Hand Economic Development for their request of \$132,000. The finance committee suggested a donation of \$81,000 which is 10% of the past 2½ year average of sales tax. Kristi Lichty submitted a letter on behalf of Wheels and Meals to request \$2,250. Connie Schroeder requested a 2022 utility credit of \$1,500 for McWhorter Museum. Applications were received from Hand in Hand Daycare for \$850 utility credit and Helping Hands for \$2,500 utility credit. The finance committee consisting of Tammy Lichty, Bob Steers, and Tony Rangel along with finance officer Sheila Coss proceeded to give an overview of the remaining budget items. The public provided many good questions and comments concerning the budget. The finance committee has spent over 10 hours on the current budget draft and met multiple times with the department heads to adjust the budget where possible.

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Steers to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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