

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2022**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Tom McGough, Jim Odegaard, Mike Wetz, Joe Zeller, and Alderwomen: Susan Hargens and 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. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on September 19, 2022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Shannon Speck stated that he has enjoyed his 3½ months of retirement and his new job as a code enforcer that he finds challenging and rewarding. He misses the police department. Speck stated that he wished to explain to the public and the council the reason for only giving a two week notice and how working into July would have affected his retirement. He originally hoped to work until July 15 but that would have cost him several thousand dollars a year on his retirement payments. He offered his services to fill in as a parttime officer until the department is at full staff. He would not require any training, wages would be substantially less, and there would be no cost for benefits. He would also be available by this weekend to fill in as necessary.

Tom McGough thanked the council for the opportunity to serve on the council again and thanked Gale Auch and Will Jones for stepping up to offer to fill the vacant position as well.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Alderman McGough thanked Ron Hoftiezer for the mat that was put on his street. It appears to be holding up well. Jim Henson stated that he has visited with Officers Ames and Henrickson and the three of them would like to recommend Shannon Speck for the temporary officer position. Ron Hoftiezer mentioned that the dump station at the park will be winterized this week as it is supposed to freeze later in the week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Camping in the Park Alderwoman Lichty explained the committee recommendations for camping in the park. The committee recommends that campers can stay in the park for up to 3 days for a free will donation. Additional days will be charged \$27.00/day. They hope to implement a self-check in process. The park manager will be in charge with assistance from the police and street department. Ordinances will be prepared for a future meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held at 7:30 for a liquor license transfer. Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the on-sale liquor license transfer from On Hand Economic Development to Pat's Place dba Sommers. Five ayes, Alderman Zeller abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Camden Hofer – SPN Agreement Amendment: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the SPN Engineer Agreement Amendment for an additional \$68,000 for Phase III engineering costs. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

John Dunlop – Golf Course Fishing Dock: John Dunlop, GFP, was present to ask permission to create a public access and to stock fish at the golf course lake. The city was okay with this request; however, Alderman Zeller asked that he obtain permission from the golf course board before proceeding. Eventually, Dunlop would like to build a fishing dock similar to Lake

Louise's handicapped dock which would require matching funds (via in-kind work) from the city.

Water/Wastewater Project Pay Requests: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve **SPN Phase III** invoices 27018-27023 for a total of \$42,669.15. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to pay **TLC Olson Construction, LLC** Payment No. 18 for \$149,637.42. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman McGough to approve **TLC Olson Construction, LLC** Change Order No. Five. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Kecia Beranek – OHED Quarterly Report: Kecia gave the Twitter version of the OHED happenings for the previous quarter. The volunteer board meets monthly at 7:00 a.m. They currently have 10 loans out for \$640,000. They have used half of the allotted funds for the employee recruitment program. She has conducted business visits; they are looking for more property for another industrial park, but they need at least one interested buyer to qualify for grants. The housing grants funds have been put on hold until 2023. They have a new fundraising idea planned for February 10, 2023, details to follow. Mike Beaner asked what they are doing to keep people in town for shopping when the dentist, concrete plant, and Builders Cashway are all in danger of closing. They are attempting to promote these business opportunities.

Mayoral Appointments: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve replacing Alderman Swartz with Alderman McGough on the 2022 Mayoral Appointments. Five members voted aye; Alderman McGough abstained. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2022-14 - Surplus Property: Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve Resolution No. 2022-14 to surplus city property. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Removal Permit: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz approve the removal permit for Tom Schmeidler to remove Thiel's Body Shop, the trailer house, and the trees on the property to prepare it for building. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Utility Rate Studies: Dustin Graham explained that WAPA will be increasing our rates effective January 1, 2023. Dustin and Sheila Coss have been working with Blair Metzger, DGR, and Kelly Dybdahl, Heartland to adjust the electric rates to cover the costs. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman McGough to accept the recommended rate changes to be effective with March 2023 usage. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Sheila Coss worked with Jackie Luttrell, Midwest Assistance Program Inc. and Terry Manning on the water and sewer rates. Jackie recommended an increase of 25 cents/1000 gallons for water along with charging all properties the base rate for water and sewer year-round. Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderman Wetz to accept the water rate changes effective with January 2023 usage. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to accept the sewer rate change suggestion effective with January 2023 usage. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Special Event Liquor License: Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the special event liquor licenses for Willie's Bar and Grill to serve alcohol at the community center on October 15, October 17. and October 29, 2022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 9:12 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor Blachford returned the meeting to regular session at 10:59 p.m.

Hire Police Chief: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to set up second interviews for the police chief position. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Hire Temporary Police Officer(s): Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to contact three individuals about working as a temporary police officer for \$25.00/hour with no benefits. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Employee Wages for 2022 and 2023: Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Wetz to table and defer the wages to the Finance Committee for recommendation. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the bills for payment. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Odegaard seconded by Alderman Wetz to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills October 2022 (1)		
BDS	Garbage	350.00
Builders Cashway	Supplies	62.73
City Utilities	Utilities	8,686.13
CNH Industrial Capital	Supplies	428.00
DGR Engineering	Prof Fees	2,555.25
Donlin Building	Supplies	142.11
Fastenal	Supplies	50.02
Flint Hills	Asphalt Material	7,241.98
Graham, Dustin	Reimb	108.00
Letsche, Devin	Reimb	108.00
Mack Metal Sales	Supplies	570.00
Northwest Pipe	Supplies	5,570.77
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	13.39
OHED	80% BBB	4,154.52
Orv's Yard Service	Service	338.90
Postmaster	Postage	616.00
SD Fed Property	Supplies	77.25
SDML	Registration	100.00
Share Corp	Supplies	515.12
Sign Solutions	Signs	374.81
SPN	Prof Fees	42,669.15
TLC Olson Construction	Ph.III Construction	161,541.52
Twin Valley Tire	Repairs	152.99
US Bank	Loan	18,165.39
Wesco	Supplies	726.33
Accounts Payable Total		<u>\$255,318.36</u>

Payroll Salary plus				
Benefits by Department:				
9/29/2022 & 9/30/2022				
Department	w/o OT	OT	Total	
41101 COUNCIL	2,578.24	0.00	2,578.24	
41402 FINANCE OFFICE	2,626.79	0.00	2,626.79	
41902 BUILDING	346.82	0.00	346.82	
42101 POLICE	7,087.60	4,131.84	11,219.44	
43101 STREET	7,285.27	161.22	7,446.49	
43201 SEWER	4,904.32	313.13	5,217.45	
43305 WATER	4,904.25	313.12	5,217.37	
43403 ELECTRIC	8,273.45	116.22	8,389.67	
45202 PARK	517.36	0.00	517.36	
	<u>\$38,524.10</u>	<u>\$5,035.53</u>	<u>\$43,559.63</u>	