

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2022

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The City Council met in special session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Tony Rangel asked if the council is aware about the residency policy required of all full-time employees. Is the new Chief of Police planning on moving to Miller? He asked that the council please research and have an answer next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Review: Alderman Zeller read through the proposed revenue and expenses. The council answered questions regarding the budget increases in some departments from last year. The East 4th Street project in front of the high school and armory has resulted in shortfalls in the general, water, and sewer funds. Unassigned funds from savings will be used to complete this project. The electric department will be using savings to cover the new radio read meters as well as engineering for the future transmission line project. Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the following 2023 funding requests: C&C fireworks - \$2,000, Hand in Hand Daycare - \$1,000 utility credit, Meals and Wheels - \$2,500, and On Hand Economic Development - \$89,000. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman McGough – aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman McGough to approve the following donations: Family Crisis Center - \$1,500, Firepup® - \$150, Kindergarten & 1st grade Halloween parties - \$50. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ballpark Bleachers: Our insurance is requiring that the bleachers at the ballpark be modified or replaced to prevent children from falling through. Roger Haberling is researching ways to accomplish this and has contacted C&B about providing the necessary labor. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to have Haberling complete this project in 2022 using contingency funds and remove it from the 2023 budget. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Safe Route to School: Due to budget shortfalls and a rise in costs, the project is not a priority for the city at this time. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to terminate the Safe Route to School project at a cost of \$10,524.63. Roll call vote: Alderman McGough – abstain (school employee), Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried. The 2023 proposed budget will be adjusted accordingly.

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Zeller to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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