

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 5, 2022**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2022.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Tom McGough, Jim Odegaard, Mike Wetz, Joe Zeller, and Alderwomen: Tammy Lichty arrived at 7:04. Absent: Susan Hargens

**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 executive session. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman McGough to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 21, 2022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Ron Hoftiezer stated prices for camping spots are going to have to vary as there are nonelectric sites. Alderman McGough asked Chief Huss about the inventory that he presented to the council. Huss commented that some items that were listed were not present, other items were present but not listed. Alderman McGough also asked if he was in need of any items necessary for safety. Chief Huss did not think so. Huss also stated that Kevlar vests do expire but the other 3 officers' vests are in compliance. He is using a vest from his prior employer until a vest can be ordered and received for him. McGough asked Dustin Graham about removing utility poles. Graham stated that he will not need Dakota Energy to remove any of the remaining poles. Alderman McGough asked that finance officer, Sheila Coss, get a rough estimate of sales tax on groceries for a year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fuel Bids:** Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the fuel bid from Cowboy Country Stores for a 6 cents per gallon discount and fuel tax credit. This was the only bid received. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Underground Service Quick Restorer:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman McGough to have Dustin Graham purchase an Underground Service Quick Restorer for the electric department from Wesco for \$5795. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Brownfield Sites:** NECOG is asking for the possible location of Brownfield sites for the DANR. They wish to identify possible contaminated sites for cleanup with future grants. The council asked finance officer, Sheila Coss to find out the cost to the property owners. (Per an email from NECOG on Tuesday, December 6, there will be no cost nor required cleanup of any identified Brownfield sites by the property owners.)

**Farm & Home Show:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Wetz to have a booth at the Hand County Farm and Home show January 20 & 21. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**NECOG Agreement:** Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have Mayor Blachford sign the NECOG Agreement for 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**SDARWS Ballot:** Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderman Wetz to vote for Terry Manning for the SDARWS board. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**End of Year Meeting:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to hold the year end meeting on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Water/Wastewater Project Pay Requests:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve **TLC Olson Construction, LLC** Payment No. 20 for \$160,285.63. Check will be printed when funds are received from DANR and RD. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve **TLC Olson**

**Construction, LLC** Change Order No. 7 Rev 1. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve **SPN** Phase III invoices 27377-27379 for a total of \$13,507.64. Check will be printed when funds are received from DANR and RD. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2022-17 Contingency Fund Transfer:** Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve Resolution 2022-17 – Contingency Fund Transfer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #740 – Budget Supplement:** Mayor Blachford had the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #740.

**Removal Permits:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve removal permits for Colleen Peterman to remove a house and for Jerry Fanning to remove the HiLite building. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Zeller to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ronald Blachford, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Copy of the official proceedings  
was received on: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bills December 2022 (1)			
A & B Business	Supplies		450.00
Arbor Day Foundation	Membership		15.00
BDS	Garbage		350.00
Builders Solutions	Parts		15.96
City Utilities	Utilities		5,902.67
Diesel Services of Huron	Repairs		2,787.91
Dollar General	Supplies		21.00
Hand Co. ROD	Prof Fees		30.00
Hand Co. Weed and Pest	Spraying		641.36
Hoftiezer, Ron	Reimb		15.00
Inland Truck Parts	Parts		112.78
John Deere Financial	Parts/Supplies		2,969.67
Milbank WinWater	Supplies		1,545.50
Morris Inc	Sand Seal		10,051.68
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies		131.18
OHED	80% BBB		2,394.22
Postmaster	Postage		420.00
Resco	Supplies		94.29
SDML	Memberships		277.00
Stan Houston	Supplies/Cones		2,012.45
Storey Kenworthy	Supplies		756.23
Accounts Payable Total			\$30,993.90

Payroll Salary plus				
Benefits by Department:				
		12/8/2022		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,107.00	0.00	3,107.00
42101	POLICE	14,199.12	3,335.08	17,534.20
43101	STREET	7,417.43	40.31	7,457.74
43201	SEWER	5,206.29	30.41	5,236.70
43305	WATER	5,443.89	30.39	5,474.28
43403	ELECTRIC	16,793.09	0.00	16,793.09
		\$52,166.82	\$3,436.19	\$55,603.01

