

**CITY OF MILLER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 20, 2022**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 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 Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman McGough to approve the agenda. 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 December 5, 2022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Alderman Zeller thanked the city employees for the fantastic job with snow removal and getting people to work at the nursing home and hospital. Alderman McGough echoed Zeller's appreciation and also thanked the community for all of the neighbors helping neighbors. Mayor Blachford is thankful for the city employees and the jobs they do. Alderman Odegaard stated that no community removes snow as well as Miller, and Jan Kittleson mentioned that she had to go to Madison to pick up the newspaper and Miller was the cleanest town.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #740:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #740 – Budget Supplement. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman McGough - aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #741:** Mayor Blachford read Ordinance #741 - Camping.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance #742:** Mayor Blachford read Ordinance #742 - Removal Permit. Some reasons for the change to the removal permit process and deposit are as follows: Protection of the new sewer system that everyone is paying for. Previous sinkholes created by uncapped and leaking sewer system from removed house. Storm water backing up into the sanitary sewer through uncapped pipes.

**Resolution No. 2022-18:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman McGough to approve Resolution No. 2022-18 – Police Surplus. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Ted Huss – Vest:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have Police Chief Huss order a vest from Streicher's for \$1,213.50. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**St. Lawrence Interlocal Agreement:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the Interlocal Agreement with St. Lawrence. St. Lawrence will pay Miller \$1,000/month for administrative duties. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Employee Snow Day Payroll:** The following is from the Employee Policy Manual:

**5.9 Inclement Weather**

All closures proclaimed as weather related or acts of God by the Governor of South Dakota or as deemed necessary by the Mayor will be paid as standard work days. No overtime will be paid to employees who are required to work unless the employees work over the number of hours in a standard work day (12 hours for police officers).

Employees designated as essential, e.g. street department, electric department, and police department, will work a standard work day if possible.

Employees not scheduled will not receive any pay for such proclaimed closures.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Wetz to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:51 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor Blachford returned the meeting to common council at 8:21.

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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Ronald Blachford, Mayor

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Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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**Bills December 2022 (2)**

Cook Implement	Parts	1,176.78
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	2,893.02
Dakota Fluid Power	Parts	51.03
First Interstate Bank	Mastercard-Water/Supplies	34,812.07
Fischer Plumbing	Repairs	167.63
Forte	Prof Fees	257.75
Fritzsche, Dan	Reimb	230.47
Graham, Dustin	Reimb	30.00
Hand Co 4-H	Booth Rent	100.00
Hand Co Publishing	Publications	2,938.02
First Bank & Trust	Power	19,970.70
Hughes Electric	Supplies	611.22
Miller Ace	Torch Kits/Supplies/Wrenches	1,202.50
Napa	Parts	322.73
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	113.89
OHED	Industry	6,750.00
Oswald Trucking	Hauling	16,597.18
Petty Cash	Postage	18.72
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	17.50
Pump 'N Pak	Fuel	52.28
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SDARWS	Registration	550.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	6,731.78
Servall	Service	112.01
Sturdevant's	Parts	57.28
Wilbur-Ellis	Fuel	187.00
	Accounts Payable Total	\$112,354.56

**Payroll Salary plus**

<b>Benefits by Department:</b>		12/22/2022		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,172.77	0.00	3,172.77
42101	POLICE	10,901.85	1,419.69	12,321.54
43101	STREET	7,838.99	1,713.06	9,552.05
43201	SEWER	5,576.86	657.50	6,234.36
43305	WATER	5,869.00	838.61	6,707.61
43403	ELECTRIC	15,214.73	20.97	15,235.70
		\$48,574.20	\$4,649.83	\$53,224.03