**CITY OF MILLER**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 17, 2022**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17,2022.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on October 3, 2022, and the special meeting held October 11, 2022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Tom McGough gave an overview of the street committee’s plans for the campground. Ordinances will be approved at a later date.

Mike Beaner expressed his concerns about On Hand Economic Development competing with private individuals for housing developments. He stated that the city gave On Hand approximately $80,000 this year, and they purchased land from the school for a housing development for $70,000. Why is the city and On Hand in real estate?

Mary Jo Gortmaker asked how the city will survive if Governor Noem stops sales tax on groceries. Sheila Coss, finance officer, stated that this was discussed at fall convention. Governor candidate, Jamie Smith, stated that the State cannot negatively impact local government income. The cities would be able to continue to charge sales tax on groceries. Alderman McGough stated that this was proposed several years ago and did not pass legislation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Hire Police Chief:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to hire Ted Huss as police chief. He will begin on November 14th but will be available to come ride with the officers on a few days before then. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**7:30 PUBLIC HEARING**

**Liquor License Transfer:** The city council held a public hearing at 7:30 for a liquor license transfer. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the package liquor license transfer from Redneck Paradise to Milan, Inc. dba Pump & Pak. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2023 Donation Requests:** Jamie Russell was present on behalf of the Miller C&C to request $2,000 for fireworks; Wheels and Meals requested $2,250 or $2,500; Baily Moore and Clover Herdman, Hand in Hand Daycare, asked for $1,000 of utility assistance. Kecia Beranek, On Hand, gave a presentation in support of the requested $132,000. These requests will be discussed with the 2023 budget preparation.

**Resolution No. 2022-15:** Motion by Alderman McGough, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve Resolution No. 2022-15 – Contingency Fund Transfer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #735 - Budget Supplement:** Mayor Blachford read the first reading of Ordinance #735 - Budget Supplement.

**SDSU Training Opportunities:** SDSU offers several training options for leadership, marketing, and strengthening businesses along with other topics.

**Game, Fish and Parks Grant:** The city received a letter from Game, Fish and Parks denying the grant application for the pool. Fundraising must be underway to qualify for this grant.

**Building Permit:** Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman McGough to approve a building permit for Patrick McCarty to build a fence. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Mike Beaner asked if it would make more sense to pay down debt instead of paying On Hand.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:00 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The council came out of executive session at 10:27 p.m.

**Employees’ Wages:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the following wage increases effective January 1, 2023: Christi Danburg will be raised to $20.14/hour, Gordon Gross will receive $19.00/hour, David Phinney will get $23.50/hour, and Sandy Selting will get $17.00/hour. All full-time employees who are not on probation, including the previously mentioned employees, will receive a $1.50/hour. Police substitutes will get $25.00/hour, snow removal employees will receive $20.00/hour and summer help, including the pool manager, will receive an additional $3.00/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 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 October 2022 (2)** |  |  |
| A & B Business | Supplies | 30.51 |
| A-Ox Welding | Supplies | 6.88 |
| Advanced Collision & Repair | Repairs | 70.00 |
| American Solutions | Supplies | 18.00 |
| ARS | Repairs | 602.04 |
| Code Enforcement Spc | Prof Fees | 1,660.67 |
| Coss, Sheila | Reimb | 248.13 |
| Cowboy Country Stores | Fuel | 2,053.29 |
| Forte | Prof Fees | 145.75 |
| Graham, Dustin | Reimb | 41.00 |
| First Bank & Trust | Power | 2,212.30 |
| John Deere Financial | Parts | 2,534.49 |
| Letsche, Devin | Reimb | 15.00 |
| Mastercard | Supplies | 45,450.51 |
| Milbank WinWater | Meters/Assy | 4,086.41 |
| Miller Ace | Supplies | 928.29 |
| MMUA | Prof Fees | 2,224.50 |
| Napa | Parts | 323.00 |
| Northwest Pipe | Fittings | 1,118.17 |
| Oakley Farm & Ranch | Supplies | 74.10 |
| OHED | Industry | 6,750.00 |
| Prairieland Collections | Prof Fees | 178.59 |
| Rural Development | Loans | 16,403.00 |
| SD DOR | Sales Tax | 8,449.24 |
| SD 811 | Locates | 95.20 |
| Sturdevant's | Parts | 522.07 |
| Tony's Repair | Repairs | 115.40 |
| WAPA | Power | 35,828.08 |
| Wesco | Supplies | 93.80 |
|  | Accounts Payable Total | $132,278.42 |

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| **Payroll Salary plus Benefits by Department:** | | 10/13/2022 | |  |
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| Department | | w/o OT | OT | Total |
| 41402 | FINANCE OFFICE | 3,083.66 | 0.00 | 3,083.66 |
| 42101 | POLICE | 8,665.92 | 3,588.65 | 12,254.57 |
| 43101 | STREET | 8,839.42 | 20.15 | 8,859.57 |
| 43201 | SEWER | 5,328.76 | 624.14 | 5,952.90 |
| 43305 | WATER | 5,328.66 | 624.12 | 5,952.78 |
| 43403 | ELECTRIC | 8,911.67 | 145.28 | 9,056.95 |
| 45202 | PARK | 634.11 | 0.00 | 634.11 |
|  |  | $40,792.20 | $5,002.34 | $45,794.54 |