**CITY OF MILLER**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**APRIL 5, 2021**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5,2021.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Ron Blachford, Aldermen: Jim Odegaard, Tony Rangel, Bob Steers, Jeff Swartz, Joe Zeller and Alderwoman 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 Steers to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 15, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Ron Hoftiezer stated that he needs a value on the street sweeper. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to have the street committee research and given a written statement of the value of the 2003 Elgin Street Sweeper to surplus. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Deputy Police Chief Ames stated that all officers were recertified in firearms this morning by John Dunlap. They will be hosting a baton training and invite the sheriff’s department to participate.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Hire Electric Superintendent and Lineman:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to hire Dustin Graham as the electric superintendent for $35.00/hour and Zach Reber as a lineman for $25.00/hour. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – nay, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

**Wage – Josh Koeck:** Josh Koeck was present to state that his wage as an as needed employee was incorrect. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Swartz to pay Josh Koeck $50.00/hour for an as needed employee retroactive to January 1st. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Dakota Energy Agreement:** Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to send a letter to Dakota Energy to request an annual agreement for on-call and emergency assistance. Roll call vote: Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Steers – aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bath House Removal:** Ron Hoftiezer stated that he is able to take the roof from the old park bathhouse to the county rubble site and the bricks will be crushed. They hope to start on the demolition tomorrow, weather permitting.

**Orv’s Yard Service:** Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Steers to hire Orville Kleinsasser, Orv’s Yard Service, to spray the city hall, water tower, pool and tennis courts with fertilizer and weed killer for $250.00 per application. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Wages for Aaron Zeller:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Rangel to give Aaron Zeller a 4% cost of living increase as he did not receive an increase in 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing 7:30 Board of Adjustments**

Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Swartz to adjourn as the common council and reconvene as the board of adjustments at 7:30 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Tony Olson of TLC Olson Construction LLC was present to ask for a variance to place a carport in front of their property located at 207 W 2nd Street and add a front, side and back deck closer to the lot lines. The council approved the variance for the decks but the carport sticks out to far in front of the house. Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve Resolution 2021-6 - Variance with 2changes. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to adjourn as the board of adjustments and reconvene as the common council at 7:52 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Building Permits:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the following building permits: TLC Olson Construction LLC – decks, Mike Beaner – amend previous permit for garage size, Carolyn Hargens – replace front step. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MMUA Training:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to hire MMUA to train Dustin Graham and Zach Reber through their 4-year Lineman apprentice program and also to come to Miller for a three-day hands-on training next week. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Advertise for Taxi Lane Improvements:** Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve Helm’s and Associates advertising for bids for the taxi lane improvements at the airport. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Helms & Associates Invoice:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to pay Helms & Associates $34,770.43 for invoice number 23451. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Annual Report Review:** Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the annual report prepared by Kohlman, Bierschbach and Anderson, LLP. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Civil Air Patrol Magazine Advertisement:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Swartz to purchase an 1/12-page airport advertisement in the Civil Air Patrol Magazine for $195.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Hire Summer Help:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to hire Luke Johnson – ball park and Abbi Blake – lifeguard for $10.50/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 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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