**UNAPPROVED**

**CITY OF MILLER**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 20, 2021**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20,2021.

**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 Zeller to approve the agenda with the correction of journeyman to apprentice. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Rangel to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on December 6, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Alderman Zeller asked what the policy will be for the use of body cameras by the police department. Who will be allowed to view the recordings, where will they be stored in the case of a fire, etc. These are questions that should be answered in the police policy manual. Mayor Blachford thanked DGR, Resco and SPN for the hors devours that were brought to the council meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2nd Reading of Ordinance #728:** Motion byAlderman Rangel seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the second reading of Ordinance #728 – Budget Supplement. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

**2nd Reading of Ordinance #729:** Motion byAlderwoman Lichty seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the second reading of Ordinance #729 – Rezoning. Roll call vote: Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Steers – aye. Motion carried.

**Municode Agenda & Minutes Enhancement:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to add the agenda and minutes program to the 2023 budget. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Loader Bid:** The street committee met at 6:30 to open bids for the 2017 544 K II John Deere Loader. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to accept the bid of $132,000 from RDO Equipment Company. Other bids received were Steve Howe - $125,100, Orrin Geide - $81,000, Richard Wagner - $80,000, M&S Farm Equipment $52,600. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Farm & Home Show Booth:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to have a booth at the Farm & Home Show in January. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Zach Reber – 1st Year Apprentice Raise:** Dustin Graham, electric superintendent, stated that Zach Reber has completed the necessary requirements for the first-year linemen apprentice. Zach completed 1000 hours with CamWal Electric Cooperative prior to working for Miller. He has completed another 1000 hours with the City of Miller and has taken the first-year tests with the final completed on December 6. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve a $1.00/hour raise for Zach Reber retroactive to December 6. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2021-16 – DANR Wastewater Phase IV Funding:** Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve Resolution No. 2021-16 – DANR Wastewater Phase IV Funding application. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2021-17 – DANR Water Phase IV Funding:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve Resolution No. 2021-17 – DANR Water Phase IV Funding application. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2021-18 – RD Phase IV Funding:** Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve Resolution No. 2021-18 – RD Wastewater, Water & Storm Sewer Phase IV Funding application. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2021-19 – Contingency Fund Transfer:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve Resolution No. 2021-19 – Contingency Fund Transfer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**St. Lawrence 2022 Agreement:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the 2022 Agreement with the City of St. Lawrence. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**2022 Wages:** Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Alderwoman Lichty to approve a 2% Cost of Living increase to all regular employees. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to keep the seasonal employees at the same rate as last year with the base fee of $10.25/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the council pay of $200.00/month, $50.00/meeting, $50.00/committee meeting and the mayor pay of $300.00/month, $50.00/meeting and $50.00/committee meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to pay Sheila Coss $32.12/hour ($2.00/hour increase + COL). All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to split the finance officer and deputy finance officer wages 52% Finance Office, 16% each water, sewer & electric. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Year End Meeting Date:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to set the year end meeting date for December 29th at 8:00 a.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to go into executive session for personnel and legal matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1)(3) at 7:46 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to come out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 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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