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**CITY OF MILLER**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 25, 2021**

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The City Council met in special session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25,2021.

**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.

**Public Input:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Substation 3 - Repair:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have Dustin Graham hire GTS Corp. to repair the substation 3 for approximately $17,071.80. GTS has already talked Dustin through some issues and can come as soon as parts are available. Another quote was received from Hitachi-0ABB for $30,825.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Building Permits:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the following building permits: Pauline Bevers – landing & sidewalk, Greg Palmer – pergola, Nancy Froning – remove house. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Work Session – Annexation and utility rates for customers outside city limits:** The council began the initial stage of studying the options of annexing residents and businesses outside of the city limits that currently receive utilities from the city. They also discussed different utility rates for those same properties to help cover the cost of the infrastructure. The city does not make money on the utility sales and will never recoup the cost to install the infrastructure. Annexation could be an option to receive some income via property taxes. Ann Price was present to express her concerns with annexation and her livestock as well as the increase in property taxes. After extensive discussion it was determined that the utility committee will look into the best rates to charge township residents receiving city utilities and the zoning committee will look into the zoning map, the best way to square off the city limits and the different zoning options needed to grandfather in ag commercial or residential property. The city will eventually set up a meeting with all individuals that would be affected by the changes. This topic will be brought back to the full council after the holidays.

Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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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