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**CITY OF MILLER**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 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 Alderwoman Lichty to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on September 7, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Alderman Steers has been contacted about the watering restrictions. We have not formally lifted the restrictions. The council feels that water superintendent, Terry Manning, has the authority to lift the watering restrictions when he thinks it is time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Patrick Price – Christmas Lights in the Park:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Steers to allow Patrick Price to use the city park for a Christmas light display and expand it to the west as requested. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The Christmas light display was wonderful last year and we are looking forward to it this year.

**CDL – Dustin Graham and Devin Letsche:** Motion by Alderman Rangel, seconded by Alderman Zeller to give $1.00/hour raise to Dustin Graham and Devin Letsche for obtaining their CDL (Commercial Driver’s License). All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**6 Month Probations:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to have the utility committee do 6-month performance evaluations for Zach Reber who completed his 6-month probation on September 16th and Dustin Graham who will complete his 6-month probation on September 29. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Water/Sewer State Water Plan Application:** Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Zeller to apply for State Water Plan for a possible Phase IV water and sewer project. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Airport Layout Plan:** Karen Schaefer and Craig Harrison, Helms & Associates, presented the Airport Layout Plan to Mayor Blachford, Alderman Steers, Alderwoman Lichty, Terry Manning and Sheila Coss Monday morning. The plan includes improvements for the next 20 years. Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to have the mayor sign the ALP after FAA approval. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**FAA Pre-Grant Application:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have Mayor Blachford sign the FAA Pre-Grant Application for the 2022 Airport Project. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Second Reading of Ordinance #722 – Sewer Rates:** Motion byAlderman Rangel seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the second reading of Ordinance #722 – Sewer Rates. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

**Second Reading of Ordinance #723 – Water Rates:** Motion byAlderman Odegaard seconded by Alderman Rangel to approve the second reading of Ordinance #723 – Water Rates. Roll call vote: Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Steers – aye. Motion carried.

**Second Reading of Ordinance #724 – Electric Rates:** Motion byAlderman Zeller seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the second reading of Ordinance #724 – Electric Rates. Roll call vote: Alderman Steers – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye. Motion carried.

**Second Reading of Ordinance #725 – 2022 Appropriations:** Motion byAlderman Rangel seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve the second reading of Ordinance #725 – 2022 Appropriations with changes to the account numbers and addition the Cash Retained. Roll call vote: Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Steers – aye. Motion carried.

**Mueller Master Agreement:** Motion by Alderman Steers seconded by Alderman Rangel, to sign the Muller Master Agreement for the water meter software. Roll call vote: Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Steers – aye. Motion carried.

**Council Convention Attendees:** Alderman Swartz is the only council member that will be attending the fall convention in Spearfish. Ron Hoftiezer, Terry Manning, Dustin Graham and Sheila Coss will also attend the convention.

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

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded Alderman Zeller by to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 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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