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**CITY OF MILLER**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7,2021.

**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 Zeller, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 16, 2021 and special meetings held on August 26, 2021 and August 30, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Alderman Swartz asked Ron Hoftiezer the status of the RV dump station in the park. Ron plans to go to Lake Louise to get a visual and measurements of their dump station for reference. Alderman Rangel asked Terry Manning about problems at the lift station. The west lift station was plugged 4 times over the weekend with rags that are not supposed to be flushed in the toilets. If you can’t eat it and it’s not toilet paper – Do Not Flush It per Terry Manning. Just a reminder that Flushable Wipes are not really flushable. The city might have to consider implementing a fine to home owners or businesses that continue to flush non flushable items in the toilet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DGR Engineering Task Order:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to sign a DGR Engineering Task Order to conduct a ten-year study of the electric system for $24,000. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Digital Phase Sticks:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Swartz to have Dustin Graham purchase a Digital Phase Stick for approximately $5,000. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Second Reading of Ordinance #719 – Cannabis Licensing:** Motion byAlderman Swartz seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the second reading of Ordinance #719 – Cannabis Licensing. 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 #720 – Cannabis Zoning:** Motion byAlderman Zeller seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the second reading of Ordinance #720 – Cannabis Zoning. 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 #721 – Fee Schedule:** Motion byAlderman Odegaard seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the second reading of Ordinance #721 – Fee Schedule. Roll call vote: Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Steers – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS cont’d**

**Hand County Rubble Site Plat:** Doug DeBoer and Tigh Johnson presented a plat for expansion of the Hand County Rubble Site. The new portion will all be underground with the old portion left for concrete and appliances to be hauled out and compost. Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the Hand County Rubble Site Plat. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Kecia Beranek – On Hand Economic Development:** Kecia Beranek gave her quarterly On Hand Economic Development update. Lack of employees seems to be a common theme with business owners. They sold the last industrial lot and are hoping to develop a new industrial area. Local investors are need for the hotel project. They are working on the “Welcome to Miller” sign for the northwest entrance to Miller. Over 350 people attended the Molly B concert on August 30th. Terry Manning recommended that On Hand have GeoTek do a soil sample of the school property before they purchase it.

**Ron Hoftiezer – Radio Repeater:** The city’s radio repeater stopped working about 1 month ago. A new repeater will cost approximately $3,800 and they may be able to salvage a portion of the old repeater. However, that repeater is at least 25 years old. Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to have Ron Hoftiezer order a new radio repeater. Prior radio repairs have been paid from all departments. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Airport Grant Acceptance:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderman Odegaard have Mayor Blachford sign the grant agreement for Airport Financial Assistance Grant #3-46-0035-01-42-2021 for $22,000. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Mueller Systems Master Agreement:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to table a decision regarding the Mueller Agreement. Electric superintendent, Dustin Graham is concerned that this agreement may affect purchasing new radio read meters for the electric department that will work with the water meters. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Special Event Liquor Licenses:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to approve the following Special Event Liquor Licenses: Willie’s Bar & Grill – September 12 and October 16, 2021; Richard Clement Post 299 – September 24-26, 2021; Turtle Creek Steakhouse – October 9, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Building Permit:** Motion by Alderman Zeller, seconded by Alderman Steers to approve a building permit for Tim Zacher to install a gazebo. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Water/Sewer Project:** Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Steers to pay **SPN** **Phase** **III** invoices 24450-24454 for a total of $40,607.38. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Swartz, seconded by Alderman Zeller to pay **TLC Olson Construction, LLC** Pay Request 10 for $318,478.82. All members voted aye. Motion carried. All payments are contingent upon receipt of prior funds requested from DANR. Motion by Alderman Odegaard, seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve **TLC Olson Construction Change Order #2.** All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Helms & Associates Invoices:** Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve Helms & Associates Invoices 24549 & 24514 for a total of $29,207.03. Payment will be held until prior reimbursement requests have been received. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Miller Fire Department – Firepup®:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Odegaard to donate $152.00 to the Miller Fire Department for supplies for 50 children to participate in the Firepup® program. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**First Reading of Ordinance #722 – Sewer Rates:** Motion byAlderman Rangel seconded by Alderman Steers to approve the first 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.

**First Reading of Ordinance #723 – Water Rates:** Motion byAlderman Odegaard seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve the first 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.

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

**First Reading of Ordinance #725 – 2022 Appropriations:** Motion byAlderman Steers seconded by Alderman Swartz to approve the first reading of Ordinance #725 – 2022 Appropriations. Roll call vote: Alderman Swartz – aye, Alderman Zeller – aye, Alderman Odegaard – aye, Alderman Rangel – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Steers – aye. Motion carried.

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

**Other Items to Come Before the Board:** Utility committee chairman, Jeff Swartz, asked for a general consensus regarding paving the streets this fall or waiting for spring. According to Ron Hoftiezer, the streets will hold up better if they sit through a freeze - thaw cycle prior to paving. The general consensus of the board was to wait until next spring to pave the roads dug up for the Phase III water and sewer project.

Motion by Alderman Steers, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 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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