

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Will Jones, Dale Hargens, Patrick Price, Landon Gab, and Alderwoman Susan Hargens. Alderman Auch absent.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor McGough called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the agenda. Mayor McGough noted unsubstantial changes to the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #761 – Subdivisions for sections C, D, and E concerning sewer and water main improvements. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held February 3, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Alderman Jones indicated that the city's police vehicle, Dodge Durango, does not have license plates on it. Mayor McGough thought this was due to recent repairs and/or the plan to install a push bumper, but he will ask the police department.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SDML District 5 Meeting:** Alderman Hargens and Alderwoman Hargens will attend the SDML District 5 meeting to be held Wednesday, March 19 at the Miller Community Center. City council members and staff, along with spouses, are invited. The registration deadline is March 4.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance #761 – Subdivisions:** Mayor McGough read the first reading of Ordinance #761 with the previously noted, unsubstantial revisions to the version that was posted with tonight's agenda. Alderman Price wants to change the pronouns used within the ordinance to be consistent with the new state law. Alderman Jones stated that Ordinance #761 is cost prohibitive for the developer and does not promote growth. He would like to have some legal avenue in place to allow the city to contribute to subdivisions to assist the developer. Alderwoman Hargens wants to see the city's current water and sewer loans taken care of before funds are used elsewhere. Alderman Price agreed and explained that the city should help fund developments if the city's financial position allows for such. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to send Ordinance #761 back to committee to add an appeals process to allow for a developer to apply for financial assistance and in-kind service from the city. Finance Officer Cindy Deuter continued discussion recommending that the ordinance move to the second reading to alleviate the city's current financial responsibilities regarding subdivisions. Alderman Price agreed that Ordinance #761 addresses the original concerns that have already gone to committee. Alderman Hargens, with the consent of Alderman Jones, withdrew his motion on the table. Mayor McGough stated the city wants to promote development and protect its financial stability. Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the first reading of Ordinance #761 – Subdivisions and move to the second reading. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) with the intent of reviewing lifeguard applicants at 7:35 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 7:43 p.m.

**Hire Lifeguards:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to hire the following swimming pool employees for the 2025 pool season: Pool Manager – Sydney Jessen - \$18.95/hour, Lifeguards – Sydnee Blake - \$13.77/hour, Abby Boomsma - \$14.04/hour, Grace

Hofer - \$13.50/hour, Kate Lichty - \$13.77/hour, Jolie Palmer - \$13.77/hour, and Gabriella Werdel - \$13.77/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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Tom McGough, Mayor

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Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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**Bills February 2025 (2)**

A & B Business	Supplies	221.90
Advanced Collision	Repairs/ Parts	5,293.68
Border States	Supplies	1,087.44
Country Inn & Suites	Lodging	199.62
Dakota Energy	On-Call Service	1,040.00
Marci J Lundberg Asmus	Decals	748.50
Dan Fritzsche	Reimb.	66.00
Galls	Supplies	102.01
Dustin Graham	Reimb.	101.50
First Bank & Trust	Power	56,941.95
Haydn Herman	Reimb.	122.00
IDI	Online Search	2.75
Infotech Solutions	Prof Fees	22.50
JDF	Parts	433.51
Andrew Knox	Reimb.	122.00
Midwest Fire & Safety	Prof Fees	1,886.50
Milbank Winwater	Supplies	2,247.92
Miller Ace	Supplies	264.19
NAPA	Parts	230.95
Northwest Pipe	Supplies	21.27
OHED	Industry	5,500.00
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	79.95
Riter Rogers	Prof Fees	455.00
Runnings	Supplies	16.66
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
Sanitation Products	Supplies	119.59
SDDOT- AC	Prof Fees	400.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	10,597.58
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	975.00
Sturdevant's	Parts	189.87
Visa	Supp./ Wtr Purchased/ Fuel/ Etc	23,245.61
WAPA	Power	68,199.85
	Accounts Payable Total	\$197,338.30

**Payroll Salary plus**

<b>Benefits by Department:</b>		<b>2/13/2025</b>		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,286.58	0.00	3,286.58
42101	POLICE	13,596.65	139.23	13,735.88
43101	STREET	9,127.93	0.00	9,127.93
43201	SEWER	5,967.84	0.00	5,967.84
43305	WATER	5,967.78	0.00	5,967.78
43403	ELECTRIC	14,190.35	0.00	14,190.35
		\$52,137.13	\$139.23	\$52,276.36