

**CITY OF MILLER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2024**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Dale Hargens, Will Jones, Patrick Price, and Mike Wetz. Alderwomen: Susan Hargens and Tammy Lichty.

**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 Alderman Wetz to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held March 4, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Alderman Price thanked all the agencies and volunteers from our community along with several other communities for their assistance with the recent search for a missing person.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Hire Summer Help:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to hire the following summer employees: Pool Manager – Sydney Jessen - \$18.47/hour, Lifeguards – Shaylee Anderberg - \$14.04/hour, Sydnee Blake - \$13.50/hour, Abby Boomsma - \$13.77/hour, Gracie Graham - \$14.04/hour, Grace Hofer - \$13.50/hour, Kate Lichty - \$13.50/hour, Jolie Palmer - \$13.50/hour, Heather Resel - \$14.31/hour, Dana Wallace - \$13.50/hour, Gabriella Werdel - \$13.50/hour, Cassi VanDerWerff - \$14.04/hour; and Ballpark – Roger Haberling - \$17.00/hour. Five ayes, Alderman Price abstained. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Park Mower:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to purchase a John Deere Z760R–ZTRAK for \$10,725 from C&B. Titan’s quote was for a Gravely Ariens Pro 652 for \$12,500. Four members voted aye, Aldermen Price and Alderman Wetz abstained. Motion carried.

**Reopen Lineman Position:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to advertise for a lineman, wages depending on experience. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Street Committee Recommendation:** The street committee met regarding East 14<sup>th</sup> Street and the drainage issues for Titan Machinery. This project was not budgeted for 2024. Ron Hoftiezer is getting engineer estimates and Alderman Hargens will talk to a contractor. Hoftiezer was not available due to volunteering at a fire.

**Wesco Distribution – Field Meter Test Quote:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Hargens to table a decision. Dustin Graham was unavailable to explain the need for testing due to volunteering at a fire. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Dustin Graham – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Journeyman Test Completion:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to give Dustin Graham a \$1.00/hour raise for completion of his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of journeyman testing and hours. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2024-2 – DANR Funding:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve Resolution 2024-2 – DANR Funding request. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Firehall Flooring:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the estimate of \$20,818.93 from Scott Gibson Construction for removal and installation of flooring in the firehall. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:24 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 8:22 p.m.

**Personnel:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to accept the resignation of Sheila Coss, finance officer, with commendation for a job well done. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Finance Office:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to offer Cindy Deuter the finance officer position for \$30.00/hour effective immediately with an increase to \$34.80/hour after a 6-month probation; to promote Christi Danburg to deputy finance officer for \$24.52/hour effective immediately and to accept applications for finance office personnel. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Wesco Distribution – Field Meter Test Quote:** Dustin Graham returned from volunteering at a rural fire. He explained the need for Field Meter testing. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the Wesco Field Meter Testing Quote of \$12,250.00. Alderman Price explained that it will not take long to recoup the cost if any discrepancies are found. Graham will report the findings back to the council. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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Tom McGough, Mayor

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Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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**Bills March 2024 (2)**

A & B Business	Supplies	207.82
American Solutions	Ink	29.98
Core & Main	Meter/Parts	921.88
Fritzsche, Dan	Reimb	15.00
Graham, Dustin	Reimb	15.00
Heartland Energy	Power	30,473.76
Landis+Gyr	Prof Fees	48,534.30
Milbank WinWater	Meters/ Supplies	6,130.57
Miller Ace	Supplies	262.58
MMUA	Prof Fees	702.00
Northwest Pipe	Fittings	2,567.38
Pump 'N Pak	Fuel	93.10
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD Dept of Public Safety	Service	2,340.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	10,673.49
SD Federal Property	Supplies	66.06
SDML	Regist.	100.00
Stuart C Irby	Meters	1,656.00
Sturdevant's	Parts	8.29
Visa	Water/Supplies	21,562.86
WAPA	Power	51,295.25
Wipf Radiator	Core Radiator	1,353.45
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$195,411.77</u>

**Payroll Salary plus**

<b>Benefits by Department:</b>		<b>3/ 14/ 2024</b>		
	Department	w/ o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,094.08	0.00	3,094.08
42101	POLICE	13,272.15	229.13	13,501.28
43101	STREET	8,265.80	45.60	8,311.40
43201	SEWER	6,024.01	60.29	6,084.30
43305	WATER	5,743.52	24.56	5,768.08
43403	ELECTRIC	14,303.17	229.80	14,532.97
		<u>\$50,702.73</u>	<u>\$589.38</u>	<u>\$51,292.11</u>