

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 1, 2024**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 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 Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held March 18, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Alderwoman Lichty introduced Landon Gab as everyone welcomed him. He will be taking her place on the Miller City Council beginning with his oath of office at the May 6 meeting. Jan Kittleson expressed her appreciation to the Miller Electric Department. The Miller Press building was without power today. She thanked Dustin Graham, Devin Letsche, and Dan Fritzsche for a job well done in figuring out one obstacle after another to restore service. Mayor McGough congratulated Cindy Deuter on her promotion to finance officer and thanked Sheila Coss for her years of excellent service.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Ron Hoftiezer explained that the shed at the park is almost done. Mayor McGough thanked the department for working on the various pieces of playground equipment to keep everything in working order. Parts have been ordered to repair the larger equipment damaged by a fallen tree last year.

Mayor McGough read the airport inspection letter from the SD DOT. “The airport looked excellent!” as stated by Tim Koch, SD DOT Airport Inspector.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mike Werdel – American Legion:** Mr. Werdel gave an overview of the Legion’s plans for the upcoming summer months: additional flags have been ordered to display on South Broadway for Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, a ceremony will be held June 14<sup>th</sup> together with the Polo Legion and the VFW to destroy old, damaged, and retired flags, and a bull riding event is being planned for July 20<sup>th</sup>. The floor plans for the addition to the Legion building are almost finalized. Coordination with city utilities and department heads will continue with the hopes of starting construction once the weather permits. Mayor McGough commended the Legion members for all the improvements. Mike extended credit to our great community and its continued support.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing was held at 7:15 p.m. Ted Dickey, NEGOC, was present to give the “worst case scenario” for the surcharges that would be required for an additional \$1.1 million in funding needed from DANR for Phase IV. Several members of the Miller community were present to voice their concerns over another surcharge for water improvements. Many great questions were raised, and discussion was held over a variety of concerns. The council members fielded each comment with the knowledge they’ve obtained over several years of research and meetings with DANR, USDA, city engineers, city department heads, NECOG, and committees dedicated to infrastructure improvements. Mayor McGough signed the application to DANR at the end of the meeting.

**Swimming Pool Heater:** The heater for the municipal swimming pool will not last another summer. Terry Manning has requested quotes and is estimating a replacement heater to cost about \$15,000. Alderman Jones clarified that without a pool heater, the pool will not open. Manning stated that the water must be at least 70°F before patrons may enter the water. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to allow Terry Manning and the pool

committee to purchase a pool heater. There is \$10,000 budgeted in the 211 fund that could be used towards the cost. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**SPN Phase IV Invoices:** Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve and pay SPN invoices 33337-33339 in the amount of \$60,200 for final design of Phase IV. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Helms & Associates Invoice:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Price to approve payment of invoice 33282 for \$5,947.22. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens 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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Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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<b>Bills April 2024 (1)</b>		
BDS	Garbage	350.00
City Utilities	Utilities	10,743.64
Civic Plus	Prof Fees	2,734.20
Dollar General	Supplies	17.50
Fritzsche, Dan	Reimb	15.00
Graham, Dustin	Reimb	15.00
Hargens, Dale	Reimb	69.01
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	5,947.22
Jazzy's Repair	Oil	77.80
Northwest Pipe	Pipe	736.22
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	284.65
OHED	80% BBB	3,272.82
Postmaster	Postage	380.00
SD DOT	Regist.	100.00
SDRS-SPP	Retirement	45.00
SDML Work Comp	Workers Comp	3,295.00
Servall	Service	118.59
Share Corp	Supplies	543.41
SPN	Prof Fees	60,200.00
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	2,590.00
TLC Olson Construction	Repairs	13,221.70
USBank	Loan	18,165.39
Wesco	Supplies	176.50
Accounts Payable Total		\$123,098.65

<b>Payroll Salary plus</b>		3/28/2024 &		
<b>Benefits by Department:</b>		3/29/2024		
	Department	w/ o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	3,207.98	0.00	3,207.98
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,415.60	0.00	3,415.60
41902	BUILDING	365.91	0.00	365.91
42101	POLICE	12,360.48	1,003.26	13,363.74
43101	STREET	7,957.32	79.80	8,037.12
43201	SEWER	6,591.86	54.08	6,645.94
43305	WATER	6,048.57	18.35	6,066.92
43403	ELECTRIC	11,227.63	0.00	11,227.63
		\$51,175.35	\$1,155.49	\$52,330.84