

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2024

The City of Miller is an equal opportunity employer.

The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 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 Price, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve the agenda with two deletions. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held April 1, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters to conduct interviews pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 6:02 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 6:52 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor McGough addressed peddler's licenses and clarified when the city requires a license to be obtained. He has reached out to business owners in Miller to answer their questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Miller Swim Club: Suzanne Keck and Stephanie Kjetland were present to ask permission to use the pool. Aubrey DeHaai is the head swim coach. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to allow the swim club to utilize the pool and to provide a lifeguard for practice free of charge and coordinate such with Sydney Jessen, pool manager. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The swim club is planning to host a Lazy Man's Iron Man triathlon fundraiser in July and requests that the participants be granted free lap swim for this event. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to allow the swim club to use lap swim time for the fundraiser and to waive the lap swim fee for participants of the event. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

"Welcome to Miller" Signs: The sign along Highway 14 near the municipal airport needs repair. Dustin Graham asked who is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the signs. Currently, the city's electric department provides and pays for the electricity to the signs. Alderman Price stated that if the city doesn't maintain them, they will continue to fall into disrepair. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz for the city to do the maintenance/upkeep of the landscaping around the signs. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2024-3: Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2024-3 – Drinking Water Facilities Improvements Bond in its entirety. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Price to approve Resolution No. 2024-3. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2024-4: Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2024-4 – Drinking Water Surcharge in its entirety. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve Resolution No. 2024-4. 5 members voted aye; 1 member voted nay. Motion carried.

Alderman Hargens left the meeting momentarily at 7:46 p.m. and returned at 7:54 p.m.

Resolution No. 2024-5: Alderman Wetz read Resolution No. 2024-5 – Sewer Facilities Improvements Bond. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve Resolution No. 2024-5. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2024-6: Alderman Wetz read Resolution No. 2024-6 – Sewer Surcharge. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Price to approve Resolution No. 2024-6. Alderman Jones wanted it clarified that the worst-case scenario Phase IV surcharge is \$14.15 per month as presented by Ted Dickey at the last regular meeting for the water portion of the project. The \$3.70 per month Phase IV surcharge is for the wastewater portion of the project. 4 members voted aye; 2 members voted nay. Motion carried. Alderman Jones would like to explore available city funds that could potentially be used to pay down the water and wastewater loans.

Water Storage Project – RFPs: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to have SPN move forward with Requests for Proposal to abandon the city’s old wells. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Phase IV Utilities: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to proceed to bid the Phase IV Utility project. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Malt Beverage Renewals: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the following malt beverage license renewals: 4 Amigos, LLC – Cowboy Country Stores, DOLGEN Midwest, LLC – Dollar General, MILAN, INC. – Pump ‘N Pak, and Turtle Creek Steakhouse, LLC; and to table the renewal for Family Dollar Stores of SD, LLC until the next regular meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

HR & FO School: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to send Cindy Deuter and Christi Danburg to Human Resources and Finance Officer schools in Spearfish on June 11-14, 2024, upon the new hire being able to run the office in their absence. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2024-7 – Canvass Election: Alderman Wetz read Resolution No. 2024-7. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve Resolution No. 2024-7. After review by all council members present, the votes were verified as: Ward I – Kecia Beranek - 61 and Gale E. Auch – 79; Total voters 140 and ballots counted 140. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the bills. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters to conduct interviews pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:25 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 10:00 p.m.

Finance Office Position: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to offer the open office position to candidate A and upon acceptance (*by reason of confidentiality*) publish his/her name and wage per hour.

Candidate A declined the position the next morning. An offer was made to candidate B, Allison Nelson, who accepted the position at \$20.00/hr.

Electric Department Position: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to offer the open lineman position to candidate B and upon acceptance (*by reason of confidentiality*) publish his/her name and wage per hour.

After the meeting was adjourned, Andrew Knox accepted the position at \$25.00/hr.

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills April 2024 (2)

A & B Business	Supplies	207.82
American Solutions	Supplies	42.79
Blaseg, Susie	Prof Fees	300.00
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	60.52
Creative Printing	Supplies	160.78
Hammer, Darlene	Prof Fees	300.00
Heartland Energy	Power	14,593.16
Miller Ace	Supplies	736.80
MMUA	Prof Fees	7,052.65
Muth Electric	Supplies	900.00
Napa	Parts	276.39
OHED	Industry	16,600.00
Petty Cash	Postage	25.18
Riter Rogers Law	Prof Fees	577.50
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	13,276.20
SD DOT	CIP	1,869.31
Sinkbeil, Jean	Prof Fees	300.00
SD 811	Locates	45.92
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	329.20
Sturdevant's	Parts	392.52
Tony's Repair	Repairs	287.66
Visa	Water Purchased/Supplies	20,343.79
WAPA	Power	53,946.66
Wesco	Supplies	61.93
Accounts Payable Total		\$149,089.78

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		4/11/2024		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	4,966.17	0.00	4,966.17
41902	BUILDING	0.00	0.00	0.00
42101	POLICE	12,564.30	744.61	13,308.91
43101	STREET	8,615.88	91.20	8,707.08
43201	SEWER	6,625.88	49.02	6,674.90
43305	WATER	6,625.80	49.01	6,674.81
43403	ELECTRIC	11,152.95	254.91	11,407.86
45202	PARK	219.61	0.00	219.61
		\$50,770.59	\$1,188.75	\$51,959.34