

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 2023**

The City of Miller is an equal opportunity employer.

The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Will Jones, Patrick Price, and Mike Wetz. Alderwoman: Tammy Lichty via phone. Absent: Dale Hargens and Susan Hargens.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 1, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Mike Werdel, American Legion Commander, stated that the Legion and the city have an agreement for the city to put snow on the Legion grounds. Mike noticed that other private businesses were also placing snow on the Legion grounds without prior permission. He would like to revisit this issue with the city council in the fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revised Mayoral Appointments: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the revised mayoral appointments. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2023 Committee Assignments Mayoral Appointments (Committee Chair is first person listed; Alternate is 3rd person listed.) **FINANCE OFFICE:** Wetz, Jones, S Hargens; **PUBLIC SAFETY: Police, Fire, Civil Defense, Emergency Warning System, Emergency Management:** Price, Wetz, D Hargens; **STREETS, PARK, BALLPARK:** Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, Park, Ballpark, City Hall Mowing, Storm Sewer, Street Equipment: Lichty, D Hargens, Jones; **UTILITIES: Lights and Power, Water, Sewer, Pool, City Hall Snow Removal, Utility Equipment:** S Hargens, Price, Jones; **AIRPORT, CITY PLANNING & ZONING:** D Hargens, Lichty, Wetz; **BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE:** Jones, Price, D Hargens; **PERSONNEL:** S Hargens, Lichty, Price; **BEAUTIFICATION:** S Hargens, Lichty; **WORKPLACE SAFETY:** Lichty, S Hargens, Wetz; **ON HAND EC. DEV. DELEGATE:** Price; **HOUSING:** Wetz, D Hargens; *The Mayor is a member of each committee as ex-officio. (By virtue of his title.)* **Mayoral Appointments:** **CITY ATTORNEY:** Riter, Rogers, Wattier & Northrup, LLP; **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:** “The Miller Press”; **OFFICIAL DEPOSITORS:** American Bank & Trust – Miller, Quoin Financial Bank – Miller; **PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER:** Matt Campion; **LEPC LIAISON:** Ronald Hoftiezer; **NECOG LIAISON:** Dale Hargens; **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES REPRESENTATIVES:** Tammy Lichty, Susan Hargens; **TREE CITY USA:** Will Jones; **CONSOLIDATED EQUALIZATION:** Patrick Price; **NATURAL GAS EXPANSION BOARD:** Mike Wetz; **BASEBALL ASSOCIATION DELEGATE:** Will Jones.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Haiar – Development Questions: Tim Haiar was present to ask the city to construct a road in Northview Addition as he is building a house on Lots 1 and 2, Northview Addition in the fall. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Jones to table a decision until the city planning and zoning committee can meet with Ron Hoftiezer to determine a time frame and who is responsible for the cost to build the road. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Legion/Hand County SnoGoers – 4th of July: Mike Werdel, American Legion Commander, and Nathan VanZee, SnoGoers president, were present to let the council know that they plan to host ATV races at the Legion on July 1st. The Legion plans to serve food and alcoholic beverages.

Campers on Private Property: Dustin Graham stated that he has been contacted by several individuals about renting space on private property for campers. The wind tower project is expected to bring in several hundred workers looking for camp sites. The additional people would bring significant revenue to the city. The planning and zoning committee will meet with Dustin Graham to set up some guidelines with a possible permit for homeowners to present to the council for approval. This would be for construction season only.

Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Price to adjourn as the common council and reconvene as the Board of Adjustments at 7:30 p.m. for a public hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Edward Johnson was present to ask for a variance to place a shed closer to the west lot line on his property at 310 W 9th St. Kyle and Courtney VanZee, adjacent property owners, have been contacted and are okay with the shed. The property pins have not been located. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the variance and building permit contingent upon Dustin Graham verifying the lot line or a survey is provided.

Mayor McGough returned the board to the common council at 7:35.

Baseball Shed at the Ballpark: Joe Beranek and Tim Haiar were present to ask permission to place a 10' X 14' shed at the ballpark purchased from Builders Solutions by the ball association for \$3,800. Mike Werdel, Legion Commander, would like to ask permission from his board. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the shed contingent upon Legion approval. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The shed will be placed on skids now and placed on a concrete pad in the fall.

Firehall Repairs: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Price to have Scott Gibson replace the flooring and do some minor repairs to the restrooms in the firehall for \$1,945.79. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

SDRS Board Position: If any council members are interested in serving on the SDRS Board of Trustees, they can submit a resume to the Executive Director of SDRS.

DANR – Drinking Water Certificate: Mayor McGough read a letter from DANR presenting Terry Manning, Brandon Hammill, and the city with a Certificate of Achievement. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to commend Terry Manning and Brandon Hammill for a job well done for their achievements. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Budget Training: Mayor McGough will attempt to attend on June 28th in Sioux Falls. Alderman Price will attend on June 21st in Pierre, and Alderman Wetz will attend on June 28th in Sioux Falls.

Bad Debt Write-off: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Jones to write off bad debt of \$279.91 as uncollectible. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

City Wide Cleanup: Ron Hoftiezer has set June 8 and 9 as city wide cleanup. The city will pick up appliances, furniture, and trees. This service is intended for the elderly or those incapable of taking items to the dump. Wes Wulff of L&W Rapid Recovery has generously agreed to pick up vehicles on those 2 days at no charge to the owner. There will be a limit on the number of vehicles, so it will be first come, first served. Please contact the city with an address and type of vehicle. Either a Private Property Impound Tow Authorization form that can be picked up at city hall, or a title will be required for removal.

Heartland Community Spark Winner – South Dakota Arms: Kelly Dybdahl and Casey Crabtree, Heartland, presented Tala Sandness, Clint was out of town, of South Dakota Arms as the Community Spark winner for their contributions to Miller and the surrounding area. Mayor McGough congratulated Tala and Clint and commended them for their service.

Removal Permit: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the removal permit for Dallas Forman to remove a house and garage. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Price to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

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Bills May 2023 (2)		
A & B Business	Supplies	199.28
American Solutions	Supplies	156.63
Best Western	Lodging	148.00
BDS	Garbage	350.00
Border States	Supplies	113.52
Brookings Area CTC	CPR Cert.	60.00
Civic Plus	Prof Fees	1,052.65
CNH Industrial	Supplies	381.75
Core & Main	Tools/ Supplies	563.31
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	925.79
Dakota Energy	Prof Fees	490.00
First Bank & Trust	Loan	412,492.51
Forte	Prof Fees	1.71
Heartland Energy	Power	21,914.61
Hughes Electric	Supplies	240.00
Mastercard	Supplies/ Water	17,837.97
Miller Ace	Supplies	895.74
MMUA	Supplies	58.00
NAPA	Parts	607.17
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	350.19
OHED	Industry	7,400.00
Petty Cash	Reimb.	31.08
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	566.14
Pump 'N Pak	Fuel	916.06
Riter Rogers Law	Prof Fees	262.50
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	9,943.02
Stuart C Irby	Meters/ Supplies	6,678.41
Sturdevant's	Parts	34.96
Terex	Prof Fees	1,324.60
Tony's Repair	Repairs	60.80
USBank	Loans	57,484.75
WAPA	Power	45,954.43
Wesco	Supplies	2,531.96
Accounts Payable Total		\$608,430.54

Payroll Salary plus				
Benefits by Department:				
5/11/2023				
Department	w/o OT	OT	Total	
41402 FINANCE OFFICE	3,248.84	0.00	3,248.84	
42101 POLICE	11,265.80	1,227.06	12,492.86	
43101 STREET	7,859.36	0.00	7,859.36	
43201 SEWER	5,705.41	78.88	5,784.29	
43305 WATER	5,705.29	78.88	5,784.17	
43403 ELECTRIC	10,221.48	378.66	10,600.14	
45101 BALLPARK	1,083.49	0.00	1,083.49	
45202 PARK	714.94	0.00	714.94	
	\$45,804.61	\$1,763.48	\$47,568.09	

