

**CITY OF MILLER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 30, 2024**

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The City Council met in special session at city hall on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Dale Hargens, Will Jones, Patrick Price, Gale Auch, and Landon Gab. Alderwoman Ward III – vacant.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor McGough called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Appoint Alderwoman Ward III:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to appoint Susan Hargens to the position of Alderwoman Ward III. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Alderwoman Hargens will need to re-petition at the next municipal election in April 2025 to be elected for the remaining year of the 2-year term.

**Oath of Office:** Mayor McGough gave the oath of office to Susan Hargens – Alderwoman Ward III.

**Re-election of Officers:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to nominate Susan Hargens as President. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Susan Hargens as President. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to elect Patrick Price as Vice President. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Patrick Price as Vice President. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Input:** Mayor McGough stated that the pool needs 2 new valves before it can be filled with water. Terry Manning has ordered the valves and will install them as soon as they arrive.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Employee Policy Manual – Military Leave:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to adopt the additions with a typographical correction. The additions cover military leave without pay, benefits, and pension. The personnel committee consulted USERRA and ESGR earlier this week for their professional input regarding the revisions to the city’s military leave policy. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Electric Pole Inspection:** Dustin Graham, electric superintendent, obtained a worst-case estimate of \$4,159.36 from Osmose, Peachtree, GA, for the previously submitted inspection proposal. Graham explained that the future transmission line project is going to be approximately \$1 million. He would like the poles to be inspected to determine the priority level of the project. Alderman Jones asked how often the poles are inspected. There is nothing on file stating when the poles were last serviced. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the quote of \$4,159.36 for Osmose to come inspect the electric poles. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 7:29 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS cont’d.**

**Hire Electric on-call:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to hire and list Devin Letsche for on-call services as needed at \$50/day and \$50/hour if called in. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Miller Fire Department:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to pay a donation of \$2,000 to the Miller Fire Department for this year’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Micro-Comm Annual Service Renewal:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to continue the annual extended service warranty with Micro-Comm, Inc. for \$4,675.00 for the water department’s SCADA system. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Finance Officer Cindy Deuter provided copies of the Notice of Award for Phase 4 Utility Improvements, Bid Schedules A-C to TLC Olson Construction for the contracted price of \$4,830,850.85. The award includes change order one to reduce the scope of the project by \$526,612.27 on schedule A which removes a portion of the north end of East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Once DANR reviews the city’s application for additional funding of \$1.1 million at its meeting on June 27, 2024, that portion will potentially be change-ordered back into the project.

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 a.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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