

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 20, 2023**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Dale Hargens, Will Jones, Patrick Price, and Mike Wetz and 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 Price to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to strike the premiums from the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as they were not actually stated in the meeting and to clarify the premiums in this meeting's minutes. All voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on June 5, 2023, and the special meeting held on June 12, 2023, as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Input:** Joe Beranek had some clarifications regarding the incorrect information in the newspaper article that pertained to the June 12<sup>th</sup> insurance meeting. Mayor McGough apologized for the oversight in assuming that the school insurance is with the same company that ATI is quoting for the city.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Aubrey DeHaai – Swim Club:** Aubrey DeHaai, head swim coach was present to ask for permission to have the duck race at the pool on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to allow the swim club to use the pool for the duck race fundraiser. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Sarah DeHaai asked permission to use the pool for a triathlon fundraiser for the new pool in August. The date has not been set, but it will not interfere with swimming lessons or open swim. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to allow the swim club to use the pool for a triathlon in August for a pool fundraiser. After discussion, the official vote was missed, and Mayor McGough deemed the motion as carried.

**Northview Drive – Sewer Installation:** Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to hire TLC Olson Construction to install the sewer on Northview Drive for 2 future homes. The cost will be less than \$5,000 if they can complete the work before moving their equipment back to Huron. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Terry Manning, water/sewer superintendent, stated that all sump pumps must be drained outside – not into the sewer system. The city will receive violations due to incorrect PH levels and other chemical levels in the lagoons. Some of these violations can end up with a \$10,000 fine to the city if proper maintenance is not implemented.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Quorum:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to move the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to July 5<sup>th</sup> due to the long holiday weekend; some council members will not be present. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**New SDCL – Public Input:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to limit the public input to 15 minutes per meeting. Alderman Price indicated that the time may be extended, as needed, at the council's discretion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Building Permit:** Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve a building permit for Jennifer Templeton – covered deck. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Insurance Proposals:** Will Jones read a statement about his concerns with the process, the insurance company, and the brief numbers breakdown. He also thanked everyone for the effort they have put into this process. Lynn Bren, SDPAA, and Joe Beranek, ATI, were both present to answer any additional questions regarding the insurance proposals. Beranek also had additional information regarding the retro coverage policy. He recommended the Occurrence Policy that does not include retro coverage. Bren stated that the city can write a letter of intent to cancel the insurance prior to July 9<sup>th</sup>. The city can contact SDPAA prior to September 8<sup>th</sup> to continue coverage if so desired. This will give the council more time to research the concerns they have. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the Occurrence Policy with ATI. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – nay, Alderwoman Lichty – nay, Alderman Wetz – nay, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Price – nay, Alderman Jones – nay. Motion failed. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to write a Letter of Intent to Cancel to SDPAA and go with ATI Intact Occurrence Policy while shopping for retro coverage. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried. The only premium stated was SDPAA with \$5,000,000 liability at \$81,416.96 after credits.

**Electric Department Employee:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to advertise and accept applications for an electric department employee with electrical background. Five ayes, Alderwoman Lichty – nay. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** *cont’d.*

**Ted Huss – Police Taser:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to table a decision on the taser purchase plan until Chief Huss is available to answer questions. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**Correspondence:** Alderman Wetz read a letter from Titan Machinery thanking the city for purchasing a new lawn mower.

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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Tom McGough, Mayor

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Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

**LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT**

Copy of the official proceedings  
was received on: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Bills June 2023 (2)**

A & B Business	Supplies	199.28
Associated Supply	Supplies	648.07
Bob's Gas	Service	288.58
Butler Machinery Co	Repairs	1,019.81
Coss, Sheila	Reimb.	306.21
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	1,001.50
DGR Engineering	Prof Fees	596.00
Forte	Fees	1.14
Gross, Gordon	Reimb.	7.85
Hawkins	Chemical	7,293.89
First Bank & Trust	Power	3,202.45
Landis+Gyr Technology Inc	Meters Project	45,357.50
Mastercard	Supplies/Water Purchased	22,438.58

Miller Ace	Supplies	1,651.84
Northwest Pipe	Fittings	248.01
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	613.56
OHED	Industry	7,400.00
Potomac Aviation	Equipment	4,072.69
Prairie Wind Promotions	Supplies	90.50
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	131.32
Price, Craig	Reimb.	79.87
Pump 'N Pak	Fuel	935.60
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD DANR	Fee	50.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	12,399.77
Servall	Service	112.01
Share Corp	Supplies	202.51
Spence Quarries	Rock	393.68
Storey Kenworthy	Supplies	859.25
Sturdevant's	Parts	69.90
Thee Glass Doktor	Repairs	166.00
Twin Valley Tire	Supplies	35.00
WAPA	Power	39,753.68
Wesco	Supplies	519.60
Wingert, Christy	Refund	50.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$168,598.65</u>

<b>Payroll Salary plus</b>		06/08/2023,		
<b>Benefits by Department:</b>		06/15/2023, 06/22/2023		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	6,563.45	0.00	6,563.45
42101	POLICE	24,416.11	3,630.94	28,047.05
43101	STREET	17,148.78	976.71	18,125.49
43201	SEWER	11,510.46	656.96	12,167.42
43305	WATER	11,987.36	587.95	12,575.31
43403	ELECTRIC	20,172.36	673.24	20,845.60
45101	BALLPARK	3,443.27	0.00	3,443.27
45202	PARK	2,039.60	0.00	2,039.60
45103	POOL	3,705.75	0.00	3,705.75
		<u>\$100,987.14</u>	<u>\$6,525.80</u>	<u>\$107,512.94</u>