

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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 Alderwoman Hargens to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 21, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Mayor McGough commented that Alderman Jones received a scam email from him asking for gift cards. His email was not hacked, just his name and title were used. Alderman Price spoke on behalf of Dave Nelson; the weed problem needs readdressed, and he would like action taken as there has been no improvements on the properties previously mentioned. Ron Hoftiezer stated that his priority is oiling roads at this time, not weed control. SuAnne Meyer stated that having council members speak closer to the microphone has been a big improvement for online listeners.

Department Head Reports: Mayor McGough commented that he was impressed with the relatively even split between citations and warnings in the police report. Alderman Hargens asked that people be aware of the “Children at Play” signs and slow down. Ron Hoftiezer thought he would be finished with the oiling of roads with another day or two of nice weather. Terry Manning stated that the airport inspection went well, Alderman Hargens asked about hangars to rent. He stated that he knows someone who would like to have his airplane in Miller permanently. Manning stated that it should be a goal of the city to build a hangar for daily rentals. There are several pilots that ask for hangar space when spending a night or weekend. Dustin Graham stated that they are working through some bugs with the new meter installations. Mayor McGough thanked Hoftiezer for the mosquito control prior to the church party in the park. Manning stated that the boiler at the pool is getting rusty and the wiring gets hot. He hopes it will last another year. Mayor McGough clarified that SD codified law states that a quorum is the majority of the voting board members; since he does not vote, he is allowed to attend committee meetings with 3 additional council members.

NEW BUSINESS

Camden Hofer, SPN – Project Review: The City started televising the sanitary system in 2014. There was a lawsuit with Infra-Track, Inc., and Johnson Jet-Line ended up finishing the project. The televising showed some missing sewer pipes which raised the subject of closing roads to prevent sink holes. Phase I was completed by Menning Backhoe at a total cost of \$6.2 million for construction costs, Phase II was completed by Dahme Construction at a total cost of \$5.4 million construction costs, and Phase III was completed by Olson Construction for a total cost of \$6.4 million construction costs. Phase IV estimate is \$7.2 million. These costs do not include engineering fees. These projects were funded with grant and loan packages from SD DANR (Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources) and US Rural Development (USDA).

SPN Street Engineering Agreement: Motion by Alderman Price to approve the SPN engineering contract, died from lack of second. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the design phase of the engineering agreement. All members voted aye. Motion carried. (After the council meeting, Camden Hofer explained to Sheila Coss that the engineering agreement requires additional signatures to go forward with the bidding and construction phases of the same contract.)

Ron Hoftiezer – State Auction for Truck or Pickup: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to allow Ron Hoftiezer, at his discretion, to bid up to \$25,000 on a new oil truck and/or other vehicles at the state auction. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement: Alderman Price stated that he has had several people approach him regarding countywide law enforcement. Mary Jo Gortmaker stated that she was the one to present the original petition and that the city did one community meeting and promised another that has not happened. Price presented city and county law enforcement budgets and an overview of what Sheriff Shane Croeni sees as a possibility for unified law enforcement. Alderwoman Lichty stated that she feels it is necessary to have another public meeting prior to voting on countywide law enforcement. Alderman Price will contact the county commissioners about a joint meeting. This topic will be on the September 18, 2023, agenda.

SDML Conference: The SDML Annual Conference will be held in Rapid City, October 3-6. Alderman Hargens and Alderwoman Hargens plan to attend. Terry Manning, Ron Hoftiezer, Dustin Graham, and Sheila Coss plan to attend. Ted Huss, police department, has not indicated his intentions at this time.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty 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 8:19 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills September 2023 (1)

American Solutions	Supplies	12.08
BDS	Garbage	350.00
BSE	Supplies	1,510.21
Builders Solutions	Supplies	58.23
City Utilities	Utilities	9,738.82
Civic Plus	Prof Fees	2,181.80
Hoftiezer, Ron	Reimb	15.00
Inland Truck Parts	Parts	407.64
Milbank WinWater	Supplies	1,433.72
Northwest Pipe	Supplies	1,201.15
OHED	80% BBB	5,076.24
Postmaster	Postage	420.00
Price, Craig	Reimb	146.89
SPN	Prof Fees	8,750.00
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	124,974.85
T & R Electric	Prof Fees	825.00
Vision Care	Supplies	496.00
Wesco	Supplies	543.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$158,140.63

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		8/31/2023		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41101 COUNCIL		2,831.22	0.00	2,831.22
41402 FINANCE OFFICE		2,768.63	0.00	2,768.63
41902 BUILDING		562.61	0.00	562.61
42101 POLICE		9,825.36	368.46	10,193.82
43101 STREET		7,108.06	898.52	8,006.58
43201 SEWER		5,097.40	88.98	5,186.38
43305 WATER		5,092.64	54.48	5,147.12
43403 ELECTRIC		9,447.21	340.23	9,787.44
45202 PARK		857.92	0.00	857.92
		\$43,591.05	\$1,750.67	\$45,341.72

