

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 18, 2023.

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 Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on September 5, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Will Page expressed his thanks to the street department for spraying the mosquitos prior to the party in the park a few weeks ago. He also thanked the city for giving access to the park for the churches to host the party.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Law Enforcement: Mayor McGough addressed the concern of Conflict of Interest with Patrick Price as the committee chairperson on the safety committee given his wife works for the sheriff's office. Alderman Price has given his research to Alderman Wetz to continue the unified law enforcement discussion. Alderman Wetz gave statistics from 2018 to current for the police department arrests, case reports, citations, and warnings. The 2023 numbers compare to the 5-year average of the sheriff's department. Will Page asked how a decision would be made. Alderman Wetz stated that there would have to be a city-wide vote to determine if the residents want unified law enforcement. Mary Jo Gortmaker would like a list of pros and cons of unified law enforcement. Alderman Wetz, Chief Huss, and Sheriff Croeni will meet to have more detailed conversation and to plan for a public meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

7:30 p.m. Board of Adjustments: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to adjourn as the common council and reconvene as the board of adjustments. All members voted aye. Motion carried. James Daley presented photos showing the layout of the properties north and south of his proposed deck. There are buildings and fences that extend beyond the area that he would like to build a deck. Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the variance for James Daley to build a deck closer to the lot line. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the building permit. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Common council reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Pool Review: Mayor McGough read the pool review provided by Sydney Jessen, pool manager. 13 lifeguards provided 73 private lessons, held regular lessons for 161 attendees, and supervised 12 pool parties. There were 98 family passes and a total of 4,649 swimmers for the year. Sydney's only concern is that the pool heater be replaced as it kept shutting off and the pool was cold.

ATI Insurance Premium: Alderman Wetz will contact Joe Beranek, ATI, to get an explanation of the various liability categories on the insurance invoice.

Water/Sewer Project: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to pay **TLC Olson Construction's final payment of \$169,473.26** for pay request 23. All members

voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve TLC Olson Construction Change Order #11. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:55 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 8:49 p.m.

Personnel: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to raise Ron Hoftiezer’s wage \$1.00/hour retroactive to when he completed the Train the Trainer CDL course. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills September 2023 (2)

A & B Business	Supplies	200.02
A-Ox Welding	Supplies	20.37
American Solutions	Supplies	14.99
Avera Occupational Medicine	Prof Fees	134.00
Bradeen Real Estate	Oil Truck	19,000.00
CES	Prof Fees	646.00
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	2,321.81
Dakota Energy	Service	120.00
DGR Engineering	Prof Fees	698.00
Flint Hills	Asphalt Material	31,152.00
Graham, Dustin	Reimb	67.00
Hand Co. Treasurer	Lic. Plates	26.70
Heartland Energy	Power	16,248.21
Hoftiezer, Ronald	Reimb	45.00
Kroeplin Concrete	Concrete	1,759.50
Larry's Repair	Repairs	609.07
Letsche, Devin	Reimb	338.83
Mastercard	Supplies/Water	24,064.54
MARC	Supplies	1,369.35
Miller Ace	Supplies	1,014.72
Napa	Parts	204.42
OHED	Industry	7,400.00
Riter Rogers Law	Prof Fees	857.50
USDA	Loans	16,403.00
SD Attorney General	24/7 Program	32.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	8,056.10
SD DOT	Signs	64.00
SDML	Regist.	665.00
Servall	Service	118.59
Spencer Quarries	Chips	697.06
Stan Houston	Traffic Cones	690.00
Stobbs Sales	Repairs	266.75
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	810.00
TLC Olson Construction	Ph.III Const.	169,473.26
VanDiest Supply	Supplies	2,576.80
Vosika Fencing	Supplies	316.00
WAPA	Power	46,289.27
Wesco	Supplies	249.65
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$355,019.51</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		9/14/2023		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,248.84	0.00	3,248.84
42101	POLICE	14,049.94	2,044.98	16,094.92
43101	STREET	8,761.98	302.49	9,064.47
43201	SEWER	5,580.32	83.06	5,663.38
43305	WATER	5,580.22	83.05	5,663.27
43403	ELECTRIC	12,424.88	113.61	12,538.49
45202	PARK	702.50	0.00	702.50
		<u>\$50,348.68</u>	<u>\$2,627.19</u>	<u>\$52,975.87</u>