

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 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, October 2, 2023.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on September 18, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Electric Superintendent Dustin Graham stated his department is in the middle of the meter project. There may be times when no bypass is available, and customers could momentarily lose power. 150 meters have already been changed out; the switch out process will go until all new meters on hand have been installed. The next batch of meters should arrive next spring.

Mayor McGough addressed a few concerns from a local citizen about Phase IV funding, city-county cooperation, and current surcharges.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor McGough read the high points of the department head reports. A special budget meeting will be held on Monday, October 30.

NEW BUSINESS

Tania Ruhnke – Blachford House Trunk or Treat: Tania was present alongside Clayton Werdel to request closure of West 3rd Street for the trunk or treat event. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to close West 3rd Street from the 4-way stop to 1st Avenue on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Tania will contact Brian Bonebright about shipping times to Ace Hardware to avoid any conflict.

Resolution 2023-6 – Surplus: Mayor McGough read the resolution to surplus old electric meters that are new sitting on the shelf. Few municipalities utilize them, but one reached out and would like to purchase them. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve Resolution 2023-6. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance #747 – Electric Rates: Mayor McGough read the ordinance. Superintendent Graham clarified the 8% increase. DGR Engineering performed a rate study last year and determined the necessary increase which is being spread out over 3 years. He stated that the city's electric rate is comparable especially considering the infrastructure Miller has in place. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the first reading of Ordinance #747. All members voted aye. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance #748 – Water Rates: Mayor McGough read the ordinance and explained the \$1 increase to the base fees only to cover water purchased from MDRWS. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Jones – aye. Motion carried.

Phase 3 – Notice of Acceptability of Work: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the Phase 3 Notice of Acceptability of Work. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The warranty begins once the notice is signed.

Building Permits: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the building permits for the following: Royce Blackburn – garage and garden shed, Terry and Deb Kopecky – cover deck and hot tub, and Cory Flor – garden shed. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderman Wetz to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Deputy Finance Officer

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Bills October 2023 (1)

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| ATI | Premiums-Prob/Liab Ins. | 82,241.57 |
| BSE | Supplies | 97.34 |
| Builders Solutions | Supplies | 977.20 |
| City Utilities | Utilities | 6,988.51 |
| CommTech | Computer | 1,589.96 |
| Core & Main | Restock | 22,643.49 |
| Dacotah Diamond Auctions | Supplies | 92.77 |
| Dakota Electronics | Service | 108.00 |
| DSG | Supplies | 474.17 |
| Hand County Publishing | Publications | 1,632.58 |
| Hughes Electric | Labor/Supplies | 311.59 |
| Lyle Signs | Signs | 335.60 |
| Oakley Farm & Ranch | Supplies | 68.38 |
| Oakley Repair | Repairs | 484.98 |
| OHED | 80% BBB | 4,450.39 |
| Orv's Yard Service | Spraying | 320.96 |
| Overhead Door Co. | Repairs | 230.38 |
| Postmaster | Postage | 350.00 |
| Safety Benefits | Regist. | 225.00 |
| SD Dept of Public Safety | Service | 2,340.00 |
| Stuart C Irby | Service | 180.75 |
| US Bank | Loan | 18,165.39 |
| VanDiest Supply | Supplies | 400.25 |
| Wesco | Supplies | 2,224.90 |
| Accounts Payable Total | | <u>\$146,934.16</u> |

Payroll Salary plus

| Benefits by Department: | | 9/28/2023 & 9/29/2023 | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Department | | w/o OT | OT | Total |
| 41101 | COUNCIL | 2,508.26 | 0.00 | 2,508.26 |
| 41402 | FINANCE OFFICE | 3,314.60 | 0.00 | 3,314.60 |
| 41902 | BUILDING | 398.31 | 0.00 | 398.31 |
| 42101 | POLICE | 11,638.82 | 1,664.52 | 13,303.34 |
| 43101 | STREET | 9,865.19 | 547.91 | 10,413.10 |
| 43201 | SEWER | 5,755.71 | 46.13 | 5,801.84 |
| 43305 | WATER | 6,456.51 | 46.12 | 6,502.63 |
| 43403 | ELECTRIC | 13,137.51 | 216.51 | 13,354.02 |
| 45202 | PARK | 683.85 | 0.00 | 683.85 |
| | | <u>\$53,758.76</u> | <u>\$2,521.19</u> | <u>\$56,279.95</u> |