

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 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 16, 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 Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on October 2, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Ron Hoftiezer commented on the drainage concerns east of Titan Machinery. The culvert is too high, and the water cannot flow to the ditches and under the highway. Brad Letcher, SD State, will check the flow and get back to Ron with options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2nd Reading of Ordinance #747 – Electric Rates: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #747 – Electric Rates. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

2nd Reading of Ordinance #748 – Water Rates: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #748 – Water Rates. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Wetz – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation Requests: Donna Engelmann was present to request a donation of \$2,500 for the Wheels and Meals Corporation for the required local match. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve \$2,500 donation to Wheels and Meals for 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Bailey Moore and Clover Herdman were present on behalf of Hand in Hand Daycare. They requested utility assistance of \$2,000. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve a utility assistance donation of \$2,000 for Hand in Hand Daycare for 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Tara Yost and Laine Warkenthien, On Hand Economic Development, were present to ask for \$132,000 for On Hand Economic Development. The city has given 10% of the sales tax for the prior 2.5 years as a donation to On Hand in the past. The calculation for 2024 would be \$99,898.62. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Jones to donate \$100,000 to On Hand Economic Development for 2024. If the 2024 budget allows for more, additional funding will be considered. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Special Event Liquor License: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the following special event liquor licenses for Willies Bar & Grill to serve alcohol at the community center: Wall Lake Hunting Club – October 23, Halloween benefit dance – October 28, and wedding dance – November 4, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Alderman Jones wanted it noted that all 3 events were being held at the community center in reference to the previous donation request.

FEMA Letter of Commitment: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to have Mayor McGough sign the FEMA Letter of Commitment. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-7 – Contingency Transfer: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve Resolution 2023-7 – Contingency Transfer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

1st Reading of Ordinance #749 – Budget Supplement: Mayor McGough delivered the 1st Reading of Ordinance #749 – Budget Supplement.

Christmas Lights: Dustin Graham, Alderwoman Lichty, and Alderwoman Hargens presented two options for Christmas lights at the main street 4-way stop. Laine Warkenthien stated that On Hand Beautification budget could assist with the cost of the new Christmas lights. Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Jones to have Dustin order four Christmas lights. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permit: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve a building permit for Clint Smith to move in a yard shed. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:04 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 9:03 p.m.

Employee Wages: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve a 3.50% COLA wage increase for all employees for 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

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Bills October 2023 (2)

A & B Business	Supplies	170.90
A-Ox Welding	Supplies	20.37
Advanced Collision	Repairs	1,596.27
American Solutions	Supplies	34.99
BDS	Garbage	350.00
Civic Plus	Prof Fees	236.25
CES	Code Enforcement	435.88
Coss, Sheila	Reimb.	408.29
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	2,043.68
Dakota Energy	Service	160.00
DPC	Service	219.39
DSG	Supplies	681.68
Donlin Building	Service	943.72
Graham, Dustin	Reimb.	54.00
Hand Co. Weed & Pest	Spraying	1,529.83
First Bank & Trust	Power	3,153.65
Hoftiezer, Ron	Reimb.	80.00
ISG	Prof Fees	750.00
Manning, Terry	Reimb.	395.29
Mastercard	Supplies/Water Purchased	24,927.78
Miller Ace	Supplies	1,281.87
Napa	Parts	644.98
Northwest Pipe	Restock Inventory	2,888.29
OHED	Grant/ Industry	12,400.00
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	80.00
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	7,976.04
SD 811	Locates	123.20
Sturdevant's	Parts	172.98
Victor Lundeen Co.	Supplies	100.87
WAPA	Power	41,569.52
Wesco	Supplies	739.00
Wilbur-Ellis	Supplies	125.74
Wipf Radiator	Supplies	728.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$123,425.46</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:				
10/12/2023				
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,248.83	0.00	3,248.83
42101	POLICE	11,513.41	1,065.42	12,578.83
43101	STREET	9,790.15	208.86	9,999.01
43201	SEWER	5,675.06	165.07	5,840.13
43305	WATER	5,988.59	346.19	6,334.78
43403	ELECTRIC	12,927.08	134.54	13,061.62
45202	PARK	820.61	0.00	820.61
		<u>\$49,963.73</u>	<u>\$1,920.08</u>	<u>\$51,883.81</u>