

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 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, November 20, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Dale Hargens, Will Jones, Patrick Price, and Alderwomen: Susan Hargens and Tammy Lichty. Alderman Mike Wetz was present on the phone and abstained from all votes.

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 Jones to approve the agenda. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 6, 2023. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2nd Reading of Ordinance #750 – Budget Supplement: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #750 – Budget Supplement. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderman Wetz – abstain, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Jones – aye. Motion carried.

2nd Reading of Ordinance #751 – 2024 Appropriations: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #751 – 2024 Appropriations. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Wetz – abstain, Alderwoman Lichty – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Inclement Weather Policy: Hand County Emergency Manager, Arlen Gortmaker, was present to explain the process that the county goes through to determine closures of Hand County Roads and the courthouse. The process begins when the National Weather Service determines that a winter weather event is coming, and the state emergency managers have daily webinars to watch the impending weather pattern. The actual day of the winter weather event starts around 5:00 a.m. and involves Gortmaker along with Ron Hoftiezer – city, Greg Droz & Roger Flint – state, and Jeff Hargens – county. The decision to close county roads and offices is not taken lightly. When this group determines that no travel is advised, they would appreciate everyone staying home. If businesses are open, people think they can go out. This puts our emergency response volunteers in danger when they must rescue citizens that should be staying home. Mayor McGough thanked Arlen for all he does, and his concern for the general public. Motion by Alderman Price to accept the Inclement Weather Policy to close when the Hand County Emergency Manager determines no travel advised due to lack of second. The personnel committee will look at the current policy and bring it back before the council.

2024 Dodge Durango – Police: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to have Chief Huss order a 2024 Dodge Durango from Iverson Auto for \$40,092.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

FEMA Grant Application: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to have Mayor McGough sign the FEMA Grant Application and the Commitment Letter. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2023-9 – FEMA Grant: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve Resolution No. 2023-9 – FEMA Appointment of Applicant Agent. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Pool Update: Alderman Price stated that there is a new employee at the Hand County Health & Wellness and Community Foundation which is a 501(c)(3) entity. There is currently \$530,000 in funds for the pool which includes the funds that the city has designated. All funds donated are considered charitable donations for tax purposes. Donations can be dropped off at the hospital. Please indicate “Pool Donation” on the check as there are other fundraisers managed by the foundation.

December 4th Meeting: Motion by Alderwoman Lichty, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to move the next meeting to Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. due to the 5th and 6th grade winter concert on Monday, December 4th and the junior high and high school concert on December 5th. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Juneteenth: This item will also be addressed by the personnel committee when they discuss the inclement weather policy.

Removal Permit: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Lichty to approve a removal permit for Clayton Keck to remove a building. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: The city received a thank you card from Hand in Hand Daycare for the 2024 utility donation. Alderwoman Lichty commented that she has also received thank you from daycare families for the donation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:40 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 8:06 p.m. No action taken.

Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

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Bills November 2023 (2)

A & B Business	Supplies	204.46
A-Ox Welding	Supplies	8.28
ATI	Prop. Ins.	373.00
Bob's Gas	Fuel	210.00
BSE	Supplies	1,248.43
Cowboy Country Stores	Fuel	1,940.55
Dakota Energy	Service	160.00
Danburg, Christi	Reimb	30.00
DGR Engineering	Prof Fees	2,593.00
Display Sales	X-mas Lights	3,049.00
Gross, Gordon	Reimb	30.00
Hand Co ROD	Prof Fees	60.00
First Bank & Trust	Power	5,006.58
Hughes Electric	Supplies	68.58
ISG	Prof Fees	1,375.00
Kessler's	Supplies	48.30
Locators & Supplies	Supplies	47.73
Mastercard	Supplies/Water Purchased	19,641.35
MMUA	Prof Fees	1,196.00
Morris	Rock	17,371.94
NASASP	Dues	39.00
Nelson, Dave	Solar Sellback	166.82
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	121.95
OHED	Industry	7,400.00
Petty Cash	Reimb	13.96
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	84.00
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
Schiltz, Logan	Reimb	30.00
SD Airport Mgmt Assn	Membership	50.00
SDARWS	Prof Fees	500.00
SD DANR	Drinking Water Fee	600.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	8,410.64
SD Gov't FO Assn	Membership	40.00
SD Gov't HR Assn	Membership	25.00
SDML	Membership	1,652.11
SD Municipal Street Maint Assn	Membership	35.00
SD Police Chiefs' Assn	Membership	200.00
SDWWA	Membership	30.00
Servall	Service	6.58
Share Corp	Supplies	912.88
Stobbs Sales	Repairs	465.09
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	6,695.00
Sturdevant's	Parts	19.83
Visa	Supplies	797.24
WAPA	Power	47,008.73
Wesco	Lights/Supplies	25,925.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$172,294.03</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		11/23/2023		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,314.60	0.00	3,314.60
42101	POLICE	12,884.09	968.20	13,852.29
43101	STREET	8,391.32	0.00	8,391.32
43201	SEWER	5,743.92	87.95	5,831.87
43305	WATER	5,743.84	87.94	5,831.78
43403	ELECTRIC	13,541.41	79.82	13,621.23
45202	PARK	565.73	0.00	565.73
		<u>\$50,184.91</u>	<u>\$1,223.91</u>	<u>\$51,408.82</u>