

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 2, 2024**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Dale Hargens, Will Jones, Patrick Price, Gale Auch, and Landon Gab and Alderwoman Susan Hargens.

**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 Alderman Price to move agenda item number 6 to number 1 and approve the agenda as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 18, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Input:** Alderman Hargens encouraged the public to look at the Christmas lights display in Crystal Park and to take the time to truly enjoy it. The lights and music are amazing. Alderman Price thanked all of those for the continued help and support to make the display possible. A list of sponsors will be published in *The Miller Press*. Ron Hoftiezer stated that everyone in the community is invited to the Miller Fire Department's annual soup dinner on December 16.

**Department Head Reports**

Ron Hoftiezer, street superintendent, gave an update on the road near Running's. It will have washboards in the spring due to the type of base course needed for oiling until conditions are favorable for continued work. Alderman Price inquired about the culverts and drainage near the Ranch Café neighborhood. Hoftiezer stated that new culverts have been reset and installed along with a drop inlet. He thanked Dan Fritzsche and David Phinney for completing this project with help from the other departments while he was gone. The city has a great crew that works well together.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Colonial Life Voluntary Benefit Program:** Steven Melnick, Colonial Life Insurance agent was present to ask permission from the council to meet with city employees to review the policies offered by Colonial Life. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab for Colonial Life to be a volunteer option for full time city employees. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Melnick also reviewed a group life insurance policy for employees as a benefit that would cost the city \$2/employee/month forever with the option for the employee to buy-up. The personnel committee will consider the added benefit.

**Haydn Herman – 6-month probation:** Dustin Graham, electric superintendent gave a report regarding Haydn Herman's exceptional performance over the last 5 months. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to take Haydn off probationary status. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Alderman Price iterated that the utilities committee's expectations and goals for a cohesive, full electric department has been attained with the current knowledgeable staff. Herman is eligible for COLA which is effective January 1, 2025.

**Open Position – Janitor:** Sandi Selting has resigned her position as janitor for the city effective December 27, 2024. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to accept Sandi's resignation with recognition of a job well done and to open and advertise for the janitorial position. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Phase IV Water Utility Project:** Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve payment of **SPN Invoices 35074-35075** for a total of \$16,077.99. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to pay **TLC Olson**

**Pay App. No. 5** for \$36,523.89. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to pay **Tank Compliance Services Pay App. No. 1** for \$69,400.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Building Permits:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve building permits for the following applicants: Chip Rombough – remove mobile home, Nancy Froning – remove house, and Double Barrel Rentals – stairs to a new entrance to the apartments on the second floor of the building at 107 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Fuel Bids:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to table this item to gather more information regarding State bid laws. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to pay the bills. 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 7:44 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 8:26 p.m.

**Employee Wages:** 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 8:27 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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Tom McGough, Mayor

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Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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**Bills December 2024 (1)**

|                         |                        |                     |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Bobs Disposal           | Garbage                | 350.00              |
| Border States           | Supplies               | 1,147.37            |
| Builders Solutions      | Supplies               | 714.05              |
| City Utilities          | Utilities              | 5,445.27            |
| Dollar General          | Supplies               | 14.50               |
| Galls                   | Supplies               | 312.98              |
| HC Ambulance            | Lottery Machine Fees   | 1,450.00            |
| HC Pub                  | Publications           | 1,375.73            |
| HC Treas.               | Title & LP             | 26.70               |
| Ron Hoftiezer           | Meal Reim              | 43.00               |
| Andrew Knox             | Meal Reim              | 30.00               |
| NAPA                    | Parts                  | 11.49               |
| Allison Nelson          | Meal Reim              | 30.00               |
| OHED                    | 80% Bbb                | 5,290.17            |
| Postmaster              | Presort Permit #2      | 425.00              |
| Prairie Wind Promotions | Supplies               | 73.86               |
| SD AMA                  | Membership             | 50.00               |
| SD PHL                  | Samples                | 30.00               |
| SD GFA                  | Membership             | 70.00               |
| SD GHA                  | Membership             | 50.00               |
| SD MEA                  | Membership             | 350.00              |
| SDML                    | Membership             | 1,709.00            |
| SD MSMA                 | Membership             | 35.00               |
| SD PCA                  | Membership             | 200.00              |
| SPN                     | Prof Fees              | 16,077.99           |
| Stuart C Irby           | Supplies               | 585.00              |
| Tank Compliance         | Water Phase IV         | 69,400.00           |
| The Radar Shop          | Supplies               | 320.00              |
| Tlc Olson Construction  | Water Phase IV         | 36,523.89           |
| Twin Valley Tire        | Repairs                | 24.00               |
| Wesco                   | Supplies               | 1,380.84            |
|                         | Accounts Payable Total | <u>\$143,545.84</u> |

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| <b>Payroll Salary plus</b>     |                | 11/29/2024 &       |                   |                    |
| <b>Benefits by Department:</b> |                | 12/05/2024         |                   |                    |
|                                | Department     | w/o OT             | OT                | Total              |
| 41101                          | COUNCIL        | 2,615.91           | 0.00              | 2,615.91           |
| 41402                          | FINANCE OFFICE | 3,179.38           | 15.60             | 3,194.98           |
| 41902                          | BUILDING       | 309.23             | 0.00              | 309.23             |
| 42101                          | POLICE         | 12,928.20          | 1,063.60          | 13,991.80          |
| 43101                          | STREET         | 8,952.23           | 148.20            | 9,100.43           |
| 43201                          | SEWER          | 5,822.74           | 4.80              | 5,827.54           |
| 43305                          | WATER          | 5,822.66           | 4.80              | 5,827.46           |
| 43403                          | ELECTRIC       | 13,745.25          | 4.80              | 13,750.05          |
| 45202                          | PARK           | 146.40             | 0.00              | 146.40             |
|                                |                | <u>\$53,522.00</u> | <u>\$1,241.80</u> | <u>\$54,763.80</u> |