

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2023**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 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 Alderman Hargens to approve the agenda as amended to add Next Meeting Date. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 20, 2023. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Alderman Jones questioned the cost to cap water and sewer lines at the property line. Alderwoman Lichty also had a resident contact her. This topic was deferred to Terry Manning and the Utility Committee. Alderwoman Hargens mentioned a pickup sitting on blocks parked on the street. Chief Huss said they have been trying to talk to the homeowner. Alderman Price recommended posting a notice and removing the vehicle within 48 hours. It was also mentioned that there are still campers parked on the streets. There is an ad in this week's paper reminding residents to remove all campers parked on the streets. Mayor McGough thanked Alderman Price, Miller C&C, and everyone involved in the successful Christmas on the Prairie. A special thank you to the police and sheriff's departments for deputizing the kids to arrest Mr. Grinch. Alderman Price read the following press release: On 12/4/23 Miller Police Department was contacted by law enforcement in Kansas that a fugitive was residing in Miller. Deputy Chief Ames received a felony warrant for Jordan Russel Lane Bell; bond amount of \$250,000. Jordan Russel Lane Bell is being charged with Rape with a Child Under 14 years of age and Aggravated Indecent Liberties with a child in Ford County Kansas. Deputy Chief Ames contacted Hand County Sheriff Croeni to assist in serving this high-profile warrant. Jordan Russel Lane Bell was located at the Dew Drop Inn and was taken into custody without further incident. Miller Police Department would like to thank the Hand County Sheriff's Office and Game Fish and Parks Officers for their assistance.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor McGough thanked the city employees for installing the Christmas lights and the electric department for installing the lights at the armory.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Hoftiezer – Park Mower: Ron Hoftiezer requested permission to order a new mower for the park and to send the park mower to the ballpark. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Wetz to have Hoftiezer order a new mower with a hopper dump for \$3,730. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permit – City Park Addition to Warming House: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve a building permit for the City of Miller to add an addition to the park warming house pending department head signatures. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ron Blachford – Sewer Problems: Ron Blachford was present to inform the council that he has sewer problems at his residence. He believes that his sewer runs out to the east and then heads south towards East 7th Street. He has hired Olson Construction to put in a clean out in his front yard. He is not asking for anything from the city at this point, just making them aware of the issue.

Public Hearing

New Liquor License Applications: Mayor McGough called for a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. for two new liquor licenses. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve a new Retail (on-off) Malt Beverage License and a new Retail (on-off) Wine License for Family Dollar Stores of South Dakota, LLC. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

NECOG Joint Cooperative Agreement: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Wetz to sign the Joint Cooperative Agreement with NECOG. They are very instrumental in many of our grant applications and administration. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fuel Bids: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Wetz to approve the fuel bid from Agtegra to purchase fuel at the pump price less Federal Fuel Taxes. Agtegra pump prices are typically 10¢ per gallon lower than the other businesses in town. The only other bid we received was for a 6¢ per gallon discount from the pump price plus the Fuel Tax Credit from Cowboy Country Stores. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Policy Changes – Inclement Weather: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to table a decision on the Inclement Weather Policy until the next meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried. **Juneteenth:** Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Wetz to trade the Friday after Thanksgiving for Juneteenth holiday. Five members voted aye. Alderman Hargens voted nay. Motion carried.

Helms & Associates Agreement: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones sign the Helm’s Associates Agreement for the design and construction of the airport connector taxiway and the access road. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

gWorks – Upgrade to the Cloud: gWorks is the software the city has used for Utility Billing, Payroll, Accounts Payable, and Accounts Receivable since 2013. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the upgrade to the cloud version of the current software. gWorks is waiving the onboarding fees of approximately \$20,000 if we sign up in 2023. The old software will phase out in the next few years. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

New Christmas Lights: Mayor McGough thanked On Hand for their contribution to the new lights at the 4-way.

Resolution No. 2023-10 – Contingency Transfer: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve Resolution No. 2023-10 – Contingency Transfer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Meeting Date Change: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to change the next meeting date to Tuesday, December 19th to ensure a quorum will be present. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 8:17 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 8:45 p.m. No action taken. Alderman Jones left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Wetz, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Sheila Coss, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

Copy of the official proceedings
was received on: _____
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Bills December 2023 (1)		
A & B Business	Supplies	204.46
Arbor Day Foundation	Membership	15.00
BDS	Garbage	350.00
BSE	Supplies	738.77
Builders Solutions	Supplies	362.66
City Utilities	Utilities	7,109.27
CES	Prof Fees	198.48
First Bank & Trust	Loan	412,492.51
Hand County Publishing	Publications	1,156.56
John Deere Financial	Supplies	1,419.68
MARC	Supplies	1,732.67
Miller Rexall Drug	Supplies	16.15
MMUA	Prof Fees	1,866.20
Napa	Parts	540.24
Oakley Farm & Ranch	Supplies	13.98
OHED	80% BBB	4,046.78
Oswald Trucking	Hauling	11,147.08
Postmaster	Postage	385.00
Riter Rogers Law	Prof Fees	385.00
Servall	Service	118.59
Twin Valley Tire	Tires	1,746.00
Wesco	Supplies	6,009.93
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$452,055.01</u>

Payroll Salary plus				
Benefits by Department:				
12/7/2023				
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,293.15	0.00	3,293.15
42101	POLICE	13,727.03	1,646.13	15,373.16
43101	STREET	8,553.91	0.00	8,553.91
43201	SEWER	5,621.08	0.00	5,621.08
43305	WATER	5,620.98	0.00	5,620.98
43403	ELECTRIC	13,112.17	0.00	13,112.17
		<u>\$49,928.32</u>	<u>\$1,646.13</u>	<u>\$51,574.45</u>