

**CITY OF MILLER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025.

**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 Gab to approve the agenda as amended for Resolution No. 2025-2 to appoint applicant agent for the correct FEMA grant (BRIC) due February 14. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held January 21, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**Department Head Reports**

Mayor McGough asked airport superintendent, Terry Manning about the lights at the airport. Manning stated that the beacon light is always on. The runway lights come on at dusk.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Homeland Security Grant:** Chief Huss presented quotes to the council to upgrade to a wide-used computer system in the city's patrol vehicles based off the State bid. He will need the CentralSquare system installed for \$16,116.75 with an annual subscription fee of \$2,347.99, 2 laptops with accessories for \$9,603.64 from Baycom, Green Bay, WI, and \$3,598.00 from Dakota Electronics, LLC, Aberdeen, SD. Huss would like to apply for the Homeland Security Grant which is generally awarded as 100% grant. Occasionally, the grant committee will award partial grants. Alderman Auch does not want to see the budget supplemented for the system. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to give Ted permission to apply for the Homeland Security Grant and to allow purchase of the system up to the total grant amount awarded. This could result in purchasing 1 laptop rather than 2 for budget purposes. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Water/Sewer Pickup Truck:** Manning stated that the department's 1998 1500 Chevy is not worth repairing to return to service before spring. He presented a couple of examples of what he needs to replace the retired pickup and intends to purchase a used one or new off State bid. Alderman Price stated that \$50,000 is in the sewer budget for a pickup. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to give Manning permission to purchase what he needs for \$50,000 or less. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Water/Sewer iPad:** Manning presented a quote from Verizon Wireless to purchase an iPad M4 with 512GB as recommended by Info Tech to allow use of the city's GIS mapping in the field for \$1,299.99 for use in the water/sewer/airport department. Manning will use the iPad in place of the computers that are outdated in the department. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to purchase the iPad M4 as quoted from Verizon Wireless. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Helms & Associates Invoice:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to pay Helms & Associates invoice 35316 for a total of \$2,548.81. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Website quote:** Cindy Deuter presented a quote from 44i, Sioux Falls for website hosting services. The rate is fixed and does not increase year-to-year unless an upgrade is implemented. Currently, the city’s website is hosted by CivicPlus and the price automatically increases by 5% every year. The annual fee for CivicPlus this year is \$2,870.91. Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to switch to 44i for website hosting for the fixed price of \$2,988.00 per year. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Swimming Pool Project – update:** Alderman Price reached out to Burbach Aquatics. A face-to-face site visit will be held this month to reacquaint each party and allow BAI the chance to re-sell their company’s services. Afterward, the council can decide whether to move forward and obtain updated costs to build a new pool.

**Ballpark storm shelter:** A committee meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. tonight to review the plans for building a new storm shelter at J.C. Terry Complex. At the meeting, Brett Runge and Joe Beranek presented the updated blueprint as completed by Dean Marske, HKG Architects, Aberdeen, SD, to use for the FEMA grant application. The Legion will be contacted and informed of the current situation.

**Resolution No. 2025-2 – Appoint Applicant Agent:** Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2025-2 for FEMA’s BRIC grant, application due February 14. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to appoint Mayor McGough as applicant agent and to approve Resolution 2025-2. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Discussion was also held to consider framing in the grandstand to allow for storage of groundskeeping equipment. The safe room in the storm shelter cannot be used for storage.

**NECOG Review:** Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to accept the 2024 NECOG review. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Auch to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 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 February 2025 (1)**

3e Electrical	Prof Fees	1,644.04
American Solutions	Supplies	74.96
Bobs Disposal	Garbage	350.00
Builders Solutions	Supplies	208.16
Butler	Prof Fees	4,271.24
City Utilities	Utilities	14,005.89
Dakota Supply	Supplies	1,006.20
DG	Supplies	25.75
D. Fritzsche	Reimb.	19.00
D. Graham	Reimb.	19.00
Hand County Pub.	Publications	363.92
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	2,548.81
H. Herman	Reimb.	328.60
R. Hoftiezer	Reimb.	19.00
Huron Ambulance	Renewal CPR	70.00
A. Knox	Reimb.	85.00
MMUA	Prof Fees	10,165.75
OHED	80% Bbb	3,943.95
Overhead Door Co	Repairs	860.94
Postmaster	Postage	400.00
SD PHL	Water Samples	55.00
SD FPA	Supplies	34.00
SDML	Prof Fees	90.00
Servall	Service	114.95
Tony's Repair	Maint.	123.25
US Bank	Loans	22,547.06
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US Bank	Loans	12,775.27
US Bank	Loans	4,640.84
Wesco	Supplies	112.95
World Insurance	Prop & Liab	225.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$103,654.58</u>

**Payroll Salary plus**

<b>Benefits by Department:</b>		<b>1/30/2025 &amp; 1/31/2025</b>		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	2,938.86	0.00	2,938.86
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	2,752.55	27.85	2,780.40
41902	BUILDING	349.03	0.00	349.03
42101	POLICE	12,739.63	1,166.49	13,906.12
43101	STREET	7,608.68	46.79	7,655.47
43201	SEWER	5,414.63	58.91	5,473.54
43305	WATER	5,414.61	58.90	5,473.51
43403	ELECTRIC	12,589.59	8.56	12,598.15
		<u>\$49,807.58</u>	<u>\$1,367.50</u>	<u>\$51,175.08</u>