

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
♣ MARCH 17, 2025 ♣

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 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 Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve the minutes as printed for the regular meeting held March 3, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT None.

NEW BUSINESS

Trailer Court – nuisance: The council reviewed the most recent code enforcement letter sent to the property owners of the trailer court at 420 East 6th Street. Alderman Hargens added that the residents allow their dogs to run at large, and neighbors have complained about their owners not picking up after them. Alderman Price stated that 2 council members have attempted to reach out to the property owners with no response. He and Mayor McGough ensured citizens that their complaints have been heard, and the proper legal actions are being taken.

Burbach Aquatics – meeting overview: Alderman Price stated that the Zoom meeting with new Burbach Aquatic Inc.'s employees went well. No reasons were exhibited to warrant buying out of the current contract. BAI will send an updated opinion of probable cost on the current version that was selected by the previous community pool committee. Revisions could be necessary to justify initial and ongoing costs to operate the new pool. Alderman Price went on to say that he, personally, has no interest in starting a project that would put a burden on the city. Funds will be raised before commencing a project of this size, no surcharges will be implemented as a source of funding. The next step is to push fundraising starting this spring. Mayor McGough explained that donations can be made directly to the city or to the Hand Co. Health and Wellness fund which is a 501(c)3 entity.

SD DLA – Letter of Acceptance: A letter was received from the Department of Legislative Audit. DLA has accepted the city of Miller's 2022 & 2023 audit report as presented to them by Kohlman, Bierschbach & Anderson, LLP. KBA noted only immaterial instances of noncompliance. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to acknowledge DLA's letter of acceptance. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Change Meeting Date: April 7, 2025: Finance Officer Cindy Deuter, Deputy Finance Officer Christi Danburg, and Alderman Gab have personal scheduling conflicts for the next regular meeting. Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to move the next regular meeting to April 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Extension for Building Permit: Dustin Graham, as the appointed zoning administrator, asked the council to grant an extension for Greg Palmer to finish his fence. The original permit was approved in July 2023. Graham explained that the property line was marked in error due to not accounting for a correction line. The fence was installed then removed to be placed in the proper location. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to grant an extension to allow Palmer to reinstall the fence this year. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Folding Machine Quotes: The folding machine in the finance office used for folding monthly utility billing statements is over 10 years old and needs to be replaced. One quote was

obtained from A&B Business Solutions for \$3,480.00. Christi Danburg has reached out to the manufacturer for another quote. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to purchase a new folding machine for up to \$3,500.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: A public notice was received from SD DOT regarding its upcoming project to resurface Highway 45 from the U.S. Highway 14 junction south to 208th Street. The project will include curb ramps and lighting. The public meeting is set for Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Miller Community Center.

Mayor McGough announced that the Miller Water Department has been recognized for exceptional water system operations and environmental compliance with state drinking water standards for 2024. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to acknowledge Terry Manning and Brandon Hammill for their continued commitment to meet all the compliance monitoring and reporting and certification requirements along with Gordon Gross for his hard work and dedication to the department. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) with the intent of reviewing lifeguard applicants at 7:22 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 7:47 p.m.

Hire Lifeguards: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to hire Faith Baumberger - \$13.50/hour and Autumn Flor - \$13.50/hour as lifeguards for the 2025 pool season. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills March 2025 (2)

44i	Prof Fees	249.00
A & B Business	Supplies	221.90
Bobs Disposal	Garbage	350.00
Border States	Supplies	73.07
CNH Industrial Capital	Freight	20.32
Brandon Hammill	Reimb.	70.00
Harkins Enterprises	Maint.	50.00
First Bank & Trust	Power	91,519.25
Jazzy's Repair	Maint.	37.99
Kohlman,Bierschbach&Anderson	Prof Fees	6,475.00
Mid-American Research Chemical	Supplies	1,949.00
Miller Ace	Supplies	534.47
Napa	Parts	45.25
Allison Nelson	Reimb.	561.40
OHED	Industry	5,500.00
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	8.75
Runnings	Supplies	1,263.00
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD AG	24/7 Program	30.00
SD PHL	Water Samples	30.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	11,915.49
SDML	District5 Annualmtg	264.00
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	975.00
Sturdevant's	Parts	244.98
Tony's Repair	Maint.	63.80
Truenorth Steel	Supplies	1,584.00
Twin Valley Tire	Tires&Balance	1,092.78
Visa	Supp./Wtr Purchased/Fuel/Etc	21,411.77
WAPA	Power	54,103.00
Wesco	Supplies	729.00
Wholesale Enterprises	2022 Chev Silverado 2500hd	32,000.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$249,775.22</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		3/13/2025		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,244.42	0.00	3,244.42
42101	POLICE	13,317.97	908.55	14,226.52
43101	STREET	9,177.40	0.00	9,177.40
43201	SEWER	6,033.97	78.60	6,112.57
43305	WATER	6,033.86	78.59	6,112.45
43403	ELECTRIC	14,314.41	124.22	14,438.63
		<u>\$52,122.03</u>	<u>\$1,189.96</u>	<u>\$53,311.99</u>