

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 2, 2025**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Will Jones, Patrick Price, Gale Hargens, Gale Auch, 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 Auch, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the agenda. 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 May 19, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Input:** Dave Blachford informed the council that the Miller Fire Department has been given the task of managing the fireworks display for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. The application to request funds from the city's 2025 budget was not turned in during budget season in 2024. Therefore, the city does not have a donation for fireworks in its budget for 2025. In past years, an average of \$2,000 per year was donated from city funds. Mayor McGough stated that \$13,000 is available in the contingency fund; however, it's too early in the year to know if it will be needed elsewhere in the general fund budget. If the fire department cannot raise funds, it's possible that Miller will not have fireworks this year. Alderman Price suggested that the funding come from the community. Donations can be made to the Miller Fire Department.

**Department Head Reports**

Ron Hoftiezer, street department superintendent, gave an update for the street paving schedule. Originally, the pavers planned to start May 19, but due to breakdowns and the weather, it was pushed off to this week. The street department is busy keeping the roads prepared for asphalt. Hoftiezer also informed the public that mosquitoes will be out any day with all the rain and moisture. He will spray as the weather permits. Terry Manning, pool manager, said they are wrapping up a few repairs and hope to open the pool for public swimming this week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Main Street Banners:** Dustin Graham, electric superintendent, displayed 2 banner styles that have been used on the decorative street light poles on main street. One is green with the Rustler logo on it. The other is blue with a US flag on it which is hung from Memorial Day through Labor Day. They are torn and faded and need to be replaced. The council agreed that the Beautification Committee will research options and budget to purchase new banners in 2026.

**Resolution No. 2025-4 – Surplus Property:** Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2025-4 to surplus for sale the 2018 Ford Explorer (patrol car) and the Z915B 54" John Deere mower, and the following items for scrap: old ballfield sports lights (100) and 4 Benq computer monitors. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve Resolution No. 2025-4 – Surplus Property and to give the Mayor authorization to choose 3 individuals to appraise the Explorer and mower. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2025-5 – Exclusion of Rustler Lot 2:** Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2025-5. Laine Warkenthien could not be present. Alderman Price stated that there is no plan to put anything on the property. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to approved No. 2025-5 – Exclusion of Rustler Lot 2. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**SecureSD – Memo of Understanding:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to agree to and authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. With this in place, SecureSD can pay the city's IT vendor to mitigate vulnerabilities along with any other cybersecurity equipment or solutions needed. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Micro-Comm – renew service contract:** Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Price to approve renewal of the annual service contract with Micro-Comm, Inc. for the water and sewer department’s telemetry system for \$4,900.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**7:30 Board of Adjustments – Variance:** Mayor McGough adjourned the board as the common council and convened as the board of adjustments at 7:30 p.m. Eli Fanning was not present but has requested a variance to build a deck on the south side of his house. Dustin Graham explained that the neighboring properties have variances as well and this request is not unreasonable. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to grant a variance to allow Fanning to build a deck closer to the lot line than allowed by City Code. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough reconvened the board back to the common council at 7:32 p.m.

**Helms & Associates Invoices:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to pay Helms & Associates invoices 36003 and 36015 for a total of \$7,204.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Phase IV Utility Improvements:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to pay SPN invoices 36075-36076 for a total of \$33,702.86. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Auch to pay **TLC Olson Construction Pay Application No. 8** for \$129,581.34. \$30,840.30 is the city’s share of this pay application that will be paid from capital improvements budgeted in the street department. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Building Permits:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the following building permits: Brad Manning – 2 storage containers, Levi Stoddard – fence, Tyler Swaney – remove garage, and Eli Fanning – deck. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve a building permit for Will Jones for a pergola. All members voted aye. Alderman Jones – abstained. 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:38 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 8:17 p.m.

**Water Department – open position:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to advertise and accept applications for the open position in the water/sewer department with a wage of \$18+ per hour based on experience. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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 June 2025 (1)**

Americinn	Lodging	569.40
Blevior	Supplies	73.00
Bobs Disposal	Garbage	350.00
Border States	Supplies	905.57
City Utilities	Utilities	7,682.51
Cnh Industrial	Supplies	154.90
Dakota Supply Group	Supplies	182.26
First Bank & Trust	Loans	412,492.51
Hawkins	Chemical	265.00
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	7,204.00
Mid-American Research Chemical	Supplies	727.16
Micro-Comm	Prof Fees	5,300.00
Ohed	80% Bbb	3,197.60
Petty Cash	Reimb.	12.36
Postmaster	Postage	425.00
Premier Equipment	Supplies	990.00
Sd Danr - Fo	Loans	650.00
Servall	Service	121.70
Spn	Prof Fees	33,702.86
Tlc Olson Construction	Prof Fees	129,581.34
Tony's Repair	Repairs	85.75
Wheels And Meals	Donation	2,750.00
World Insurance	Prop & Liab	33.00
Accounts Payable Total		<u>\$607,455.92</u>

<b>Payroll Salary plus Benefits by Department:</b>		5/22/2025, 5/29/2025, 5/31/2025, 6/5/2025		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	3,423.29	0.00	3,423.29
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	6,609.43	16.01	6,625.44
41902	BUILDING	306.73	0.00	306.73
42101	POLICE	28,465.72	4,388.16	32,853.88
43101	STREET	17,263.72	305.67	17,569.39
43201	SEWER	12,384.22	764.01	13,148.23
43305	WATER	13,207.53	764.01	13,971.54
43403	ELECTRIC	30,228.60	202.36	30,430.96
45101	BALLPARK	2,988.79	0.00	2,988.79
45202	PARK	1,323.58	0.00	1,323.58
45103	POOL	1,562.78	0.00	1,562.78
		<u>\$117,764.39</u>	<u>\$6,440.22</u>	<u>\$124,204.61</u>