

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 21, 2025

The City of Miller is an equal-opportunity employer.

The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Will Jones, Patrick Price, Dale 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 as amended to add a building permit application from Mike Donlin for Hand County Library. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the minutes as printed for the regular meeting held July 7, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Will Page thanked city government in general and the street department in particular for the help provided at the courthouse. Ron Hoftiezer loaned stencils to the county for painting lines in the parking lot and used the city's skid loader to lower equipment into the boiler room.

NEW BUSINESS

On Hand – Quarterly Review: Lane Warkenthien introduced Jansen Naber as the new director for On Hand Development Corporation. He thanked city staff for mowing around the community center and scraping the lot when needed and for the help the street department provided during the city-wide cleanup days. The On Hand board is revamping their approach to its housing project. Warkenthien iterated that much of what they do is confidential when it comes to the revolving loans On Hand provides to local businesses. Alderman Price has learned a lot since becoming the city's delegate for On Hand. 6-8 loans are currently in place to help businesses bridge the gap with their bank loans. OHDC facilitates business behind the scenes and helps the right people connect. Naber stated, "At the end of the day we have the same goal to make this town the best it can be to succeed."

American Legion – road closure: The American Legion is excited to host the 1st Annual Bull Battle with live music. Mike Werdel stated there have been several sponsors from Miller and the surrounding area. The Legion needs to close the road to safely and efficiently host the event. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve closing SE 4th Street on July 26 at 12:00 p.m. for the Bull Battle. The road will reopen after the event. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mike will reach out to Larry Arbogast and arrange to block cars from parking on Larry's property on the north side of 4th Street. There will be traffic control and parking attendants available, and local law enforcement will be informed.

Building Permits: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the following building permits: Devin Gortmaker – shed, David Powers – garage, Mike Donlin – pergola for Hand County Library. Hargens and Price added to the motion to waive the fee for Hand County Library. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Dustin Graham explained that Bob Steers did not get his application submitted in time for this meeting to replace his garage. Steers plans to remove the current garage before the next meeting but will have the application on the agenda for the August 4 meeting for approval before the new garage is built.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the bills for payment. 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 7:18 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 7:36 p.m.

Water/sewer position: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Gab to offer the position to applicant number 2 at the starting wage of \$22.00/hour with a \$1.00/hour increase after satisfying the 6-month probationary period. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills July 2025 (2)		
A & B Business	Supplies	221.90
Bob's Gas	Fuel	3,738.20
Border States	Supplies	198.44
Cowboy Country	Fuel	53.55
Hawkins	Chemical	3,011.23
First Bank & Trust	Power	4,510.36
Infotech	Prof Fees	1,331.94
JDF	Parts	1,293.19
Kessler's	Supplies	65.16
Miller School District 29-4	Crossing Guard Agreement	2,550.00
OHED	Industry	6,000.00
On Sight	Prof Fees	450.68
U.S. Postal Service	Postage	370.00
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
Sd Public Health Laboratory	Water Samples	95.00
Sd Dept Of Revenue	Sales Tax	8,436.16
South Dakota Municipal League	Prof Fees	220.00
Sd Retirement-Spp	Prof Fees	45.00
Servall Uniform & Linen Supply	Service	121.70
Share Corporation	Supplies	595.48
South Dakota 811	Locates	85.12
Sturdevant's Auto Value Miller	Parts	96.92
Terex Corporation	Repairs	11,311.17
Visa	Supp./Wtr Purchased/Fuel/Etc	29,533.28
Western Area Power Admin.	Power	47,701.70
	Accounts Payable Total	138,419.18

Payroll Salary plus				
Benefits by Department: 7/17/2025 & 7/24/2025				
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
	FINANCE			
41402	OFFICE	3,267.45	16.01	3,283.46
42101	POLICE	15,083.40	1,786.60	16,870.00
43101	STREET	9,166.06	659.26	9,825.32
43201	SEWER	6,450.18	817.54	7,267.72
43305	WATER	6,450.12	817.53	7,267.65
43403	ELECTRIC	15,133.17	17.51	15,150.68
45101	BALLPARK	1,722.19	11.25	1,733.44
45202	PARK	948.09	0	948.09
45103	POOL	9,932.05	173.75	10,105.80
		\$68,152.71	\$4,299.45	\$72,452.16