

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 4, 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, August 4, 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 Alderwoman Hargens 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 July 21, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: None.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Ted Huss said that the regional committee for the Homeland Security grant approved the city police department 100% funding for just over \$25,000. The Feds still need to approve it, which will allow the department to purchase new Panasonic laptops and CentralSquare software for the patrol vehicles.

Mayor McGough thanked Allison Nelson for writing a summary review of last month's Elected Officials Workshop held in Pierre. Several important topics were covered, and elected officials are encouraged to attend each year.

"City Hall Selfie Day" is set for Tuesday, August 12 in "celebration of public service to showcase pride in local government institutions."

NEW BUSINESS

Pastors Party in the Park: Pastor Will Page explained that there have been changes in personnel at the ministerial association. They were unable to coordinate the party in the park for 2025; however, he plans to be back next year.

Wedding in the park – Eli Jones: Alderman Jones stated that his brother, Eli Jones, plans on getting married in Crystal Park on Saturday, September 13. Ron Hoftiezer iterated that reservations are not required, and events are on a first come, first-served basis.

Building Permits: Dustin Graham, zoning administrator, urged the public to verify their property lines to ensure they own what they think is theirs before doing any kind of construction that may or may not require a removal or building permit. Bob Steers and Ron Hoftiezer were able to file a Quit Claim Deed before tonight's meeting for Steers' building permit application. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve a building permit for Bob and Diane Steers to add a breezeway and replace their garage. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve a building permit for St. Ann's Catholic Church for a fence for a dog run. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Rich & Kristy Strasburg – handicapped ramp: Alderman Gale Auch, Mayor Tom McGough, and Dustin Graham, zoning administrator, visited with the Strasburg's last week about installing a handicapped ramp with a larger landing in front of their house. Mayor McGough read the motion that was passed at the regular city council meeting held on September 19, 2022, that provides for property owners to erect handicapped ramps without a building permit. After an onsite visit of the property, a plan was agreed upon between city officials and Strasburg's.

Sec. 40-31. – Building and removal permit required.: It has come to the attention of city staff and the city council that several structures are being built inside city limits without permits that are required by Sec. 40-31 of the city's Code of Ordinances. Contractors need to be more cognizant of whether the proper permit has been issued prior to furnishing any work.

Resolution No. 2025-6: Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2025-6 to surplus 6 16-foot horse panels and donate them to St. Ann’s Catholic Church. The panels were left over from a project to improve the bleachers at the ballparks for insurance purposes. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve Resolution No. 2025-6. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Dakota Pump & Control Quote: Terry Manning, wastewater superintendent, presented a quote from DPC for parts for the east and west lift stations. Parts for both lift stations will be ordered this year. The parts for the first lift station will be expended from the 2025 budget, and parts for the other lift station will be expended from the 2026 budget. The parts that are being replaced might be rebuilt and kept as spares depending on current wear and tear and price. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to order parts for both lift stations as quoted for \$6,980.00 each. This does not include labor or mileage. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Helms & Associates Invoices: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to pay Helms & Associates invoices 36504 and 36516 for a total of \$6,499.25. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

FAA Grant Offer for AIP Project #3-46-0035-017-2025: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to accept the grant offer from the FAA. The grant is for 95% of the allowable costs incurred for the project to reconstruct 300 feet of taxiway connector, 600 feet of terminal access road, and reconstruct the airport’s rotating beacon. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Phase IV Utility Improvements: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to pay **Meierhenry Sargent invoice** 46921 for \$11,000.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to pay **SPN invoices** 36525-36526 for a total of \$39,252.57. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to pay **TLC Olson Construction Pay Application No. 10** for \$216,028.83. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Special Event Liquor Licenses: Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve special event liquor licenses for Willies Bar & Grill to serve alcohol at the community center on August 9 and August 16. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:33 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 7:55 p.m.

Hire Water/Sewer operator: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to hire Tre Blasdell for the water/sewer operator position at \$22.00/hour with a \$1.00/hour increase after successfully completing a 6-month probationary period. While on probation, no COLA will be given. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

Copy of the official proceedings
was received on: _____
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Bills August 2025 (1)

American Solutions	Supplies	5.98
Bds	Garbage	420.00
Blake, Sydnee	Reimb.	125.00
Bob's Gas	Fuel	2,119.60
Abby Boomsma	Reimb.	100.00
Border States	Supplies	360.64
Bresson, Mahli	Reimb.	137.50
City Utilities	Utilities	8,723.88
Civic Plus	Prof Fees	2,405.44
Core & Main	Supplies	1,084.83
DG	Supplies	95.25
Flor, Autumn	Reimb.	137.50
Gibson, Jake	Reimb.	137.50
Gortmaker, Taytum	Reimb.	137.50
Roger Haberling	Reimb.	84.93
Harkins Enterprises	Repairs	137.50
Hawkins	Chemical	63.84
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	6,499.25
Hofer, Grace	Reimb.	100.00
Huss, Haylie	Reimb.	137.50
Sydney Jessen	Reimb.	88.85
Lichty, Kate	Reimb.	252.50
Meierhenry Sargent	Ph. Iv Water Project	11,000.00
Miller Rexall	Supplies	38.01
Nelson, Allison	Reimb.	47.00
Dave Nelson	Solar Sellback	129.92
Nelson, Patrick	Reimb.	137.50
Northwest Pipe	Supplies	348.99
OHED	80% Bbb	5,806.23
Palmer, Jolie	Reimb.	125.00
Petty Cash	Postage	16.34
Postmaster	Presort Permit #2	450.00
Ramkota	Lodging	136.00
Sd FPA	Supplies	136.00
Spn	Prof Fees	39,252.57
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	192.75
Tlc Olson Construction	Ph. Iv Water Project	216,028.83
Tony's Repair	Oil Change	64.80
Twin Valley Tire	Tires	312.00
Us Bank	Loan	22,547.06
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Us Bank	Loan	12,775.27
Us Bank	Loan	4,640.84
Vandiest Supply	Supplies	266.40
Werdel, Gabriella	Reimb.	252.50
	Accounts Payable Total	360,585.05

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:

7/31/2025, 8/7/2025

Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	2,615.91	0.00	2,615.91
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	2,768.63	0.00	2,768.63
41902	BUILDING	322.59	0.00	322.59
42101	POLICE	11,836.69	402.81	12,239.50
43101	STREET	7,815.51	458.47	8,273.98
43201	SEWER	4,483.78	705.57	5,189.35
43305	WATER	4,486.28	723.89	5,210.17
43403	ELECTRIC	13,677.56	18.87	13,696.43
45101	BALLPARK	1,909.26	0.00	1,909.26
45202	PARK	882.39	0.00	882.39
45103	POOL	8,180.66	0.00	8,180.66
		\$58,979.26	\$2,309.61	\$61,288.87