

**CITY OF MILLER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 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 Jones, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the agenda and amend it to add Executive Session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes as printed for the regular meeting held September 2, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Pool Committee – fundraising update:** Michelle Naber presented an update to the council regarding fundraising for the new municipal swimming pool project. The committee started its fundraising project back in April. They have created social media accounts, Instagram and Facebook, and set up Venmo for the Hand County Health and Wellness Foundation. “Thermometer” signs to track progress have been placed at the 4-way stop and by the community center. \$5,000 has been received from the Miller Area Foundation to assist the committee with fundraising activities to allow 100% of dollars raised to go towards the project. Another funding request will be made in January. The new Facebook account has pictures of the existing pool posted along with progress updates. The community is encouraged to like, follow, and share these posts to promote awareness. At the end of the project, the committee hopes to have enough funds left to build a wall of donors for the Olympic level contributors. The following grants have been applied for: Methodist Women – \$300 received, Venture Communications – \$30,000 requested, Midco – applications open in January, and the Governor’s Office of Economic Development funds need to be requested by the city. The city applied for the annual Land and Water Conservation Fund grant through NECOG back in April. A few fundraising events have been scheduled to raise awareness to the cause: Tour of Tables – Sunday, October 12 at the Miller Golf Course, The Beach “Ball” (like the hospital wine tasting) – Saturday, January 31 at the Miller Community Center, and a golf tournament – Saturday, May 30. Businesses have been approached through On Hand Economic Development for donations. The next community outreach will be through a county-wide mailing to all residents of Hand County. 2 main questions have been asked: “Why aren’t we moving the pool to the park or the community center area,” and “Instead of a single payment, can a pledge be made to continue to pay, for example, over 5 years?” The costs incurred to move the pool will put the project way over budget, and Alderman Jones stated that the current bathhouse is to be incorporated into the project. Alderman Price stated it is most cost effective to keep it in its current location. It is possible to continue donating to the municipal pool for continued expenses after the project is complete; however, the new pool must be fully funded before the project can begin. Alderman Price mentioned the idea of having future parking that would not be on this project but can be funded through continued donations. There will always be costs beyond the project. Naber welcomed any helpful information on other grants they can pursue and ideas for fundraising activities. Mayor McGough informed Naber that the city plans to go to bid this fall to get a better idea of what the pool project will cost as compared to the engineer’s estimate of \$5 million. The council members are grateful to the committee and thank them for taking on this important and tremendous task.

**Resolution No. 2025-9 – Contingency Transfer:** Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2025-9 to transfer funds from contingency to the following general fund departments: Council, Finance, Police, and Promotion of the City. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve Resolution No. 2025-9. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Building Permit:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve a building permit application from Larry McKay for a shed. 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 7:21 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 7:43 p.m. No action taken.

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 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 September 2025 (2)**

44i	Prof Fees	249.00
A & B Business	Prof Fees	233.98
AmericInn	Lodging	396.00
Anthem Sports	Supplies	776.32
Avera	Prof Fees	240.00
Bob's Gas	Fuel	935.20
Border States	Supplies	897.20
Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement	269.52
Dakota Energy	On-Call	780.00
Dakota Pump & Control	Service Call	8,179.92
Dustin Graham	Reimb.	299.70
Hand Co Rod	Filing Fee	30.00
Harkins Enterprises	Repairs	2,207.88
First Bank & Trust	Power	11,360.81
Infotech	Prof Fees	1,331.94
John Deere Financial	Supplies	210.03
Marc	Chemical	507.62
Milbank Winwater	Supplies	217.36
Miller Ace	Supplies	473.14
Napa	Parts	385.39
Ohed	Industry	5,500.00
Prairieland Collections Inc	Prof Fees	8.75
Runnings	Supplies	63.96
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	8,708.60
SD DOT	Signs	64.00
SDML	Prof Fees	315.00
Servall	Service	121.70
Share Corp	Chemical	1,329.31
Sturdevant's	Supplies	257.70
Truenorth Steel	Supplies	2,059.72
Victor Lundeen	Supplies	115.98
Visa	Supp./Wtr Purchased/Fuel/Etc	25,550.89
WAPA	Power	49,380.00
Wesco	Supplies	1,518.55
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$141,378.17</u>

**Payroll Salary plus**

<b>Benefits by Department:</b>		9/11/2025		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,244.40	0.00	3,244.40
41902	BUILDING	133.21	0.00	133.21
42101	POLICE	15,222.18	2,134.38	17,356.56
43101	STREET	9,169.07	759.05	9,928.12
43201	SEWER	6,414.74	386.86	6,801.60
43305	WATER	6,414.69	386.86	6,801.55
43403	ELECTRIC	15,117.29	28.32	15,145.61
45202	PARK	995.03	0.00	995.03
		<u>\$56,710.61</u>	<u>\$3,695.47</u>	<u>\$60,406.08</u>