

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2025**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 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 Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the minutes as printed for the regular meeting held October 6, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget Work Session: The council members were unable to hold the budget work session on Monday, October 13 as originally planned. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Auch to meet Monday, October 27 at 7:00 for the 2026 budget work session. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Correction – SPN invoices: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to amend the original motion at the last regular city council meeting to change the SPN invoice numbers that were approved for payment from 34651-34563 to 37020-37022. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Greg Droz – neighborhood party: Greg was present to officially ask permission of the city council to host a neighborhood garage party at his place of residence at 528 West 7th Street and to use city-owned property for parking. He has obtained signatures and verbal approvals from his neighbors. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to grant Droz permission to have a neighborhood garage party and allow use of city property for parking on Saturday, November 1. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2025 Q3 Budget Review: Overall, the budgets for each fund and department are tracking well. It was noted that \$216,000 of unassigned funds was used to balance the 2025 budget to pay for paving streets that were not eligible for reimbursement on the Phase IV water/wastewater funding package. The actual cost of those streets will be \$270,854 which is \$54,854 over budget and will come out of the streets department's capital improvement line that has \$360,000 budgeted for 2025. Sales tax revenue is being monitored closely. Once reimbursements are received for the Phase IV water/wastewater project and design of the airport project, those budgets will be back in balance.

Resolution No. 2025-11 – Convey land to school: Alderman Price read Resolution No. 2025-11 to convey a strip of city land east of the football field to the school district. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve Resolution No. 2025-11. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Funding Requests: Requests will be reviewed at the budget work session. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to table approving funding requests until after the budget workshop. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Burbach Aquatics – Phases II and III: Alderman Price explained the next steps required to move forward with engineering the new swimming pool. Engineering fees for Phase II will be 7.95% of the construction costs. Fees for Phase III will be 3.95% of construction costs. Engineering fees for Phases II and III are estimated to be \$500,000. The full Professional Services Agreement contains the Scope of Services and fees and is on file in the finance office. The bidding phase of the project happens after Phases II and III are complete. Alderman Price continued stating that these next phases need to happen now to stay on track for obtaining bids at a favorable time of year. Fund raising has reached 80% which allows the city to move forward with the next phases of the project. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Gab to initiate Phase II – Design Development and Construction Documents and Phase III – Construction Related Services with Burbach Aquatics, Inc. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Nonregistered motorized vehicles on streets: Alderman Price asked for discussion about unlicensed vehicles on the bike path and on city streets. The Miller Police Department is not going to write tickets for violations that the State’s Attorney is not going to prosecute. Alderman Price would like the city council to provide directive to the Miller Police Department about the city’s stance on whether it wants to exercise its ability to allow or prevent such vehicles on city streets. South Dakota law does not allow golf carts on state highways. When it comes to allowing golf carts on city streets, the state leaves that up to the municipality to govern. Alderman Jones would like to operate along the same lines as what the state uses for highways. Motorized vehicles need to be licensed and registered if they are going to be operated on city streets. SDCL Chapter 32 provides exemptions for certain vehicles. Chief Huss would like to provide the services and enforce the laws that the city and its residents want for the town.

Health Pool of SD and Delta Dental of SD: The 2026 health insurance premiums were reviewed. The actual premium increases will be plugged into the 2026 budget before the first reading of the appropriations ordinance in November.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Gab to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:37 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 7:57 p.m.

Employee Wages: No action taken.

Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills October 2025 (2)

44i	Prof Fees	249.00
A & B Business	Prof Fees	231.72
Advanced Collision	Repairs	10,069.45
American Solutions	Copy Paper	114.53
Border States	Supplies	449.99
C & B	John Deere 325g Compact Track	48,000.00
Cnh Industrial	Parts	129.96
Core & Main	Supplies	209.66
Creative Safety	Supplies	282.51
Cindy Deuter	Reimb	47.00
Display Sales	Supplies	336.00
Dustin Graham	Reimb	155.50
Gis Workshop	2026 Ann. Subscr.	10,500.00
Hand Co Rod	Easement	30.00
First Bank & Trust	Power	1,855.60
Infotech	Prof Fees	1,331.94
Jdf	Parts	114.47
Kessler's	Supplies	26.16
Muniworth	Ann. Software Subsc.	13,200.00
Dave Nelson	Solar Sellback	97.46
Northwest Pipe Fittings	Supplies	123.68
Oakley Repair	Repairs	1,417.98
Ohed	Industry	5,500.00
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	17.50
Ramkota	Lodging	750.00
Riter Rogers	Prof Fees	214.00
Rd	Loans	3,038.00
Rd	Loans	13,365.00
Sd Dor	Sales Tax	9,984.43
Servall	Service	121.70
Sd 811	Locates	95.20
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	3,900.00
Victor Lundeen	Ink	115.98
Visa	Supp./Wtr Purchased/Fuel/Etc	25,222.20
Wapa	Power	43,737.87
Wesco	Supplies	437.96
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$195,472.45</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:		10/23/2025		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,311.08	0.00	3,311.08
42101	POLICE	14,758.84	1,289.45	16,048.29
43101	STREET	9,331.11	157.70	9,488.81
43201	SEWER	6,576.99	541.62	7,118.61
43305	WATER	6,576.91	541.61	7,118.52
43403	ELECTRIC	15,395.44	31.45	15,426.89
45202	PARK	763.38	0.00	763.38
		<u>\$56,713.75</u>	<u>\$2,561.83</u>	<u>\$59,275.58</u>