

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 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 Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held November 3, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance #763 – Water Rates:** Mayor McGough read the title of Ordinance #763 – Water Rates with no changes from the first reading. Alderman Hargens clarified to the public that the ordinances to be voted on tonight only raise the base fees and do not raise any surcharges that are used to pay off the debt for financing the water, wastewater, and storm sewer improvement projects that have been done in the last 5-6 years. Alderman Jones added that the city's water and electric suppliers raise rates every year. In turn, the city needs to raise its rates as well. Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the second reading of Ordinance #763. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Auch – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Gab – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #764 – Sewer Rates:** Mayor McGough read the title of Ordinance #764 – Sewer Rates with no changes from the first reading. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the second reading of Ordinance #764. Roll call vote: Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Gab – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderman Auch – aye. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #765 – Electric Rates:** Mayor McGough read the title of Ordinance #765 – Electric Rates with no changes from the first reading. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the second reading of Ordinance #765. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Gab – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderman Auch – aye. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #766 – 2026 Appropriations:** Mayor McGough read the title of Ordinance #766 – 2026 Appropriations with no changes from the first reading. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the second reading of Ordinance #766 for the 2026 appropriations. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Auch – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Gab – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

**Ordinance #767 – MPD Administrative Fees:** Mayor McGough read the title of Ordinance #767 – MPD Administrative Fees with no changes from the first reading. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the second reading of Ordinance #767. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderman Gab – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Auch – abstain, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Jones – aye. Motion carried.

**Holidays:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to give city staff the day after Thanksgiving and the day after Christmas as additional paid holidays the same as what the state is doing. Alderman Hargens would rather have employees take a vacation day for the time off. He also stated that the budget for the police department will not support additional paid holidays. Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Hargens voiced the same budgetary concern. Alderman Price explained that most employees will opt to take vacation this year which leaves

the city’s doors open for business with limited service. Substitute motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to leave the holidays as is in the employee policy manual and not give the day after Thanksgiving or the day after Christmas as additional paid holidays. Will Page asked if the state being closed hinders the city’s ability to do business. Alderman Hargens and Alderman Price stated it will not affect the way the city does business. However, Hand County follows all state paid holidays. Alderman Jones would be willing to compromise giving additional days if the police department takes on-call rather than being on-duty to address financial constraints. Alderman Gab believes the more time spent with family the better and does not have an issue with granting additional holidays. Roll call vote on the substitute motion: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Price – nay, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Auch – aye, Alderman Gab – nay, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried. The original motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab died due to the substitute motion being carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Airport Improvement Project:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve pay estimate no. 1 from Webster Scale, Inc. for \$16,920.00. Finance Officer Cindy Deuter explained that this is 25% of the total mobilization of \$65,000.00 and is due before actual construction begins. Alderman Jones asked for clarification as to the reason for this being an estimate versus a pay application. Deuter called Mike Schmit, Helms and Associates who explained it’s the general language used on partial pay estimates (PPEs) to request payment; however, he is willing to change it to “pay application” if so desired. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Airport Engineer Selection:** Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Jones to select Helms & Associates as the city’s engineer for the airport for the next 5 years. Solicitation letters for engineering statement of qualifications and airport engineering services were sent to DGR Engineering, Helms & Associates, and KLJ Engineering, LLC. Helms and Associates was the only proposal received. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**On-call pay policy – police department:** Mayor McGough read the new policy to implement on-call for the Miller Police Department. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to adopt the on-call policy as presented. All members voted aye. Alderman Auch – abstained. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Jones to set the on-call rate at \$3.00/hour. All members voted aye. Alderman Auch – abstained. Motion carried.

**Wages – park and ballpark maintenance:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to set the wage for the head maintenance personnel for the park and ballpark at \$20.00/hour effective January 1, 2026. All members voted aye. Alderman Price – abstained. Motion carried.

**Building Permits:** Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve a building permit for Blevior, LLC to replace and extend its fencing at 501 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 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 November 2025 (2)**

44i	Prof Fees	249.00
A & B Business	Prof Fees	238.68
Avera	Prof Fees	80.00
Avera Occupational Med-Sf	Prof Fees	37.70
Blasdell, Tre	Reimb	38.00
Border States	Supplies	749.03
Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement	363.72
Cowboy Country	Fuel	43.57
Dakota Energy	On-Call	455.00
Cindy Deuter	Reimb	38.00
Donlin Building	Supplies	5.20
Flint Hills	Asphalt	14,845.56
Dan Fritzsche	Reimb	79.00
Galls	Supplies	33.99
Goodall Upholstery	Repairs\	75.00
Dustin Graham	Reimb\	143.00
Hand Co Rod	Filing Fee	90.00
Hand County Weed & Pest	Spray Weeds	2,607.00
First Bank & Trust	Power	1,427.07
Ron Hoftiezer	Reimb	19.00
Infotech Solutions	Prof Fees	1,331.94
Jones Construction	Concrete&Supplies	1,961.23
Kessler's	K-1st Halloween Party Juice	44.91
Kroeplin Concrete	Concrete	704.00
Landis+Gyr	Prof Fees	1,256.38
Miller Ace	Supplies	84.45
Napa Central	Parts	262.46
Olympic Chev Buick Gmc	Repairs	775.75
Ohed	Industry	5,500.00
Runnings	Supplies	124.49
Rural Development	Loans	16,403.00
Sd Dor	Sales Tax	8,955.74
Sd Fpa	Supplies	46.00
Sdwwa	Prof Fees	40.00
Servall	Prof Fees	121.70
Tony's Repair	Oilchange	64.80
Truenorth Steel	Supplies	1,505.28
Twin Valley Tire	Tires&Stems	858.99
Sd State Treasurer-Ucp	Unclaimed Checks	316.01
Visa	Supp./Wtr Purchased/Fuel/Etc	30,059.49
Vitters, David	Locator	250.00
Wapa	Power	42,688.11
Webster Scale	Cap Imp	16,920.00
Wesco	Supplies	2,917.48
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$154,809.73</u>

**Payroll Salary plus**

**Benefits by**

**Department:**

		11/20/2025		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
FINANCE				
41402	OFFICE	3,314.82	16.01	3,330.83
42101	POLICE	15,624.43	1,322.85	16,947.28
43101	STREET	8,853.21	58.48	8,911.69
43201	SEWER	6,472.69	411.07	6,883.76
43305	WATER	6,472.63	411.07	6,883.70
43403	ELECTRIC	15,841.77	23.80	15,865.57
45202	PARK	488.12	0.00	488.12
		<u>\$57,067.67</u>	<u>\$2,243.28</u>	<u>\$59,310.95</u>