

**UNAPPROVED
CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 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 December 1, 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 Auch to approve the agenda as amended to add a building permit application for Paul Coss. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the minutes as printed for the regular meeting held on November 17, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Terry Manning thanked the city council for thinking of city employees when setting budgets. Alderwoman Hargens thanked Officer Henson for his assistance in finding her grandson and giving him a ride to her house after school. Mayor McGough relayed a message from community members who truly enjoy the Christmas lights at Crystal Park and thanked Alderman Price and others who make it possible. Alderman Price posts sponsorship signs in the park to recognize those who help fund the display. Mayor McGough stated that Christmas on the Prairie is Thursday evening this week, and the first annual parade of lights will take place Friday at 7:00 p.m. Local businesses will be open, and vendors will be on display at the community center.

Department Head Reports

Reports were posted with the agenda but not specifically discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Map Project – firm selection: 3 proposals were obtained to conduct a zoning map update and implement GIS mapping. DGR Engineering, SPN & Associates, and IMEG all proposed like scopes of work for \$15,000 to \$20,000. The \$5,000 Heartland Energy grant received earlier this year will go to defray costs. Dustin Graham requested to work with DGR Engineering. He is familiar with their work in the electrical field and would like to work with them on this project. He will reference the map frequently when reviewing building permit applications. Graham intends to use the map as a comprehensive source for easements, building permits, deeds, resolutions, etc. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to select DGR Engineering's proposal for the zoning map update. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Phase IV Utility Improvement Project: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve payment of SPN invoices **37443-37445** for a total of \$8,850.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve **TLC Olson Pay Application No. 14** for \$65,800.80. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permits: Alderman Hargens requested that the 3 applications be addressed individually. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve a building permit for a carport for Colton Fawcett at 215 West 8th Street and to assess a \$25 penalty for beginning construction before obtaining the permit. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve a building permit for a shed for Troy Gortmaker at 802 East 1st Avenue. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to deny a building permit for Paul Coss for a small entry on the front of his house at 608 East 1st Avenue until his property is

compliant with the city’s IPMC and nuisance ordinances. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Dustin Graham stated that anything over 100 square feet requires a building permit, and removals need permits to adjust property tax values with the Hand County Assessor’s office. Permits are required for shipping and storage containers. Graham will help permit applicants preplan to be in compliance with city ordinances. Alderman Jones encouraged contactors and property owners to call or stop in at City Hall if they are uncertain about whether a permit is required. If building commences before the proper permitting is in place, city ordinances allow for fines to be assessed.

Fuel Quotes: Alderman Hargens read the 3 quotes received: Cowboy Country Stores - \$0.10/gallon discount, Kessler’s - \$0.15/gallon discount, and Pump ‘N Pak - \$0.06/gallon discount. All discounts quoted are off the pump price. Gas and fuel taxes will be credited. Agtegra did not submit a quote for 2026. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to award the 2026 fuel quote to Kessler’s. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

NECOG – JCA 2026: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to sign the Joint Cooperative Agreement with NECOG. They are instrumental in many grant applications and administration. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Miller’s portion of the dues will be \$1,806.63.

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

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 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: _____
Published once at the
approximate cost of: _____

Bills December 2025 (1)

Bds	Garbage	400.00
Border States	Supplies	200.00
City Utilities	Utilities	6,480.11
Dgr Engineering	Prof Fees	3,618.00
Dollar General	Supplies	102.50
First Bank & Trust	Loan	412,492.51
Hand County Ambulance	Lottery Machine Fees	750.00
Infotech	Computer	1,049.99
Knox, Andrew	Reimb Meals	16.00
Marc	Supplies	197.48
Ohed	80% Bbb	3,137.28
Postmaster	Presort Permit #2	450.00
Sdarws	Regist.	1,050.00
Sd Phl	Water Samples	80.00
Sd Dot	Supplies	215.94
Sdml	Prof Fees	1,753.00
Spn	Prof Fees	8,850.00
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	975.00
Sturdevant's	Supplies	74.11
Terex	Repairs	5,312.98
Tlc Olson Construction	Water Phase Iv	65,800.80
Uline	Supplies	197.05
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$513,202.75</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by

Department:		11/30/2025		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	2,615.91	0.00	2,615.91
41902	BUILDING	248.56	0.00	248.56
		<u>\$2,864.47</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,864.47</u>