

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2025**

The City of Miller is an equal-opportunity employer.

The City Council met for year-end session at city hall at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Dale Hargens, Will Jones, Patrick Price, 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 Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held December 16, 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revisit Fuel Quotes: Alderman Hargens received phone calls after the last regular meeting. He asked for fuel quotes to be on today's agenda. He thinks the council took the highest bid on the gas quotes. SDCL 5-18A-5 states, "unless all bids are rejected, the lowest responsible bid must be accepted." However, the bid requirements within SDCL 5-18A-5 do not apply to the purchase of fuel. "A municipality may negotiate a contract at the most advantageous price," per SDCL 5-18C-6. Representatives from Cowboy Country Stores and Kessler's were present to ask the council for clarification on the bid process. Alderman Hargens voiced that Kessler's submitted the low bid. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to rescind the motion to award the bid to Pump 'N Pak that was passed at the last meeting and to award the diesel bid to Pump 'N Pak and the gas bid to Kessler's. Alderman Jones suggested awarding the bid to the locally owned business based on the initiative to buy local. Alderman Price explained that all 3 businesses spend money in town which generates more tax dollars for the city. Mayor McGough appreciates all businesses in Miller and said, "They each take a vested interest in the community with regard to providing a service." Alderwoman Hargens stated, "If we are going to take the local bid and not the lowest one, then why even bother with the bidding process? The idea behind taking bids is to get the lowest cost possible for our taxpayers in the city." In response, Alderman Jones said that installing fuel tanks and buying fuel in bulk would reduce the most cost. Alderman Hargens called the question. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – nay, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Auch – aye, Alderman Gab – nay, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1st Reading – Ordinance #768 - City Fee Schedule: Mayor McGough read the first reading of Ordinance #768 to amend the city fee schedule for maintenance fees. Mayor McGough explained that the fees are set higher than the market price so as to not compete with local contractors. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the first reading of Ordinance #768. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

SDARWS – Class B Director Ballot: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to cast a ballot for the city's vote for Terry Manning as the incumbent for the SDARWS board position of Class B Director. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The ballot will be submitted via email.

CORRESPONDENCE

On Hand Development Corporation is hosting its 1st Annual Diamonds and Demin event on March 28, 2026. The proceeds will benefit Miller Needs a Pool. Mayor McGough reminded the

public of the next fund-raising event for the new swimming pool. The Beach Ball will be held at the community center on Saturday, January 31.

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 Jones to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills December 2024 (EOY)

Aa Motorsports	Supplies	861.74
Americinn	Lodging	396.00
Hc Pub	Supplies	617.40
Haydn Herman	Reimb	103.00
Ron Hoftiezer	Reimb	19.00
Jim's Auto Repair	Maint	45.00
Knox, Andrew	Reimb	133.91
Mmua	Member Dues	570.00
Resco	Transformers	10,878.00
Sanitation Products	Supplies	1,441.18
Sd Phl	Water Samples	40.00
Stan Houston	Traffic Cones	1,991.34
Tony's Repair	Tires/Maint	741.12
Twin Valley Tire	Maint	79.25
Wesco	Supplies	972.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$19,436.30</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department: none.