

**CITY OF MILLER  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2026**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Patrick Price, Dale Hargens, Gale Auch, and Alderwoman Susan Hargens. Absent – Aldermen: Will Jones and Landon Gab.

**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 Auch to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the minutes as printed for the regular meeting held January 5, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** The city had a booth at the Farm & Home show with a raffle for city customers to win a \$100 utility credit toward their next utilities bill. Mayor McGough and Finance Officer Cindy Deuter conducted the drawing at this meeting. Mayor McGough announced Mike Beaner as the winner. Thank you to all those who stopped by the booth.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Special Event Liquor License:** Miller Needs a Pool chairpersons, Chellee Naber and Lynn Watts, were present to request a special event liquor license for the Beach Ball, a fundraising event that will be held on Saturday, January 31 at the community center. Chellee announced several fun-filled events and games planned for the evening beginning at 6:00 p.m.: balloon blast (Alderman Will Jones, Sheriff Shane Croeni, school board member Taylor Droz, businessman Travis Anderberg, and Harry Harrell are signed up to be “dunked.”), live auction items and mystery boxes, Plinko, light up party gear, liquor lotto, and Miller High School band director Collin Otteson will be DJ’ing. Tickets are \$50 each and still available. Alderman Price thanked the ladies for heading up the event and for the hard work they contribute to this important cause. On Hand will host Diamonds and Demin at the end of March. All proceeds will go to the new swimming pool project. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to grant the special event liquor license for Miller Needs a Pool fundraising event on January 31 at the Miller community center and to waive the \$50 license fee. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**OHED Quarterly Report:** On Hand Development Corporation Director Jansen Naber presented its quarterly report: revolving loans – 2 active and 1 application under review with a total active balance remaining of \$275,708, 2 loans have been paid in full since last quarter. The sign and awning program is still active: sign grants are 50% of cost or up to \$750, awning grants are 25% of cost or up to \$1,500. Their Employee Recruitment Program helps businesses attract and retain employees with an incentive of up to a \$1,500 match towards the new employee by On Hand. The employee must remain with the business for 1 year to fulfill program requirements. The Governor’s House Project estimated completion is planned for next summer or fall of 2027. They are seeking available lots and accepting applications. The Annual Diamonds and Demin event will be held March 28. Their 2026 beneficiary is Miller Needs a Pool. The Delta Dental bus will be here May 18-22. Naber iterated On Hand’s appreciation for the city and county’s support to help keep their momentum going. Mayor McGough expressed the importance of these quarterly reports to get the information relayed to the community. Alderman Price mentioned the Friendship Center and that On Hand helps support any overage costs to keep that organization available and growing.

**2025 Year-end Financials:** Finance Officer Cindy Deuter presented the 2025 year-end financial reports: Bank Cash Report, Balance Sheet, current CDs and investments, and an overview of each department’s revenues to expenses.

**Resolution No. 2026-4:** Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2026-4 to convey land to the Miller School District via quit claim deed. Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderwoman

Hargens to approve Resolution No. 2026-4. A utilities easement will be drafted and filed. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2026-5:** Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2026-5 to adopt the Hand County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to approved Resolution No. 2026-5. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Phase IV Utility Improvements:** The city council reviewed the certification of substantial completion for TLC Olson Construction’s work on the Phase 4 Utility Improvements water and wastewater project as executed by Camden Hofer, SPN project engineer. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to authorize Mayor McGough to sign and approve the certificate of substantial completion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Code Enforcement Agreement:** The annual renewal agreement with Code Enforcement Specialists was reviewed. The hourly rate will increase to \$85/hour. This is the first rate increase in the last 12 years. There are a few properties in Miller that require attention and code enforcement services are necessary to bring those properties into compliance with the city’s code. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve and renew the agreement with Code Enforcement Specialists. 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. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** A “thank you” letter was received from Ginny’s Safe House for the city’s donation to support their program.

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 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 January 2026**

44i	Prof Fees	249.00
A & B Business	Prof Fees	231.72
Aa Motorsports	Maint.	162.49
American Solutions	Supplies	31.48
Americinn	Lodging	569.40
Blasdell, Tre	Reimb	101.00
Cnh	Maint.	421.38
Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement	1,500.00
Dakota Pump & Control	Service Call	17,949.02
Cindy Deuter	Reimb	82.00
Fastenal	Supplies	119.22
Dan Fritzsche	Reimb	19.00
Frontier Precision	Prof Fees	1,750.00
Goodall Upholstery	Repairs	90.00
Governors Inn	Lodging	652.00
Dustin Graham	Reimb	19.00
Brandon Hammill	Reimb	19.00
Hand County Pub	Prof Fees	159.68
First Bank & Trust	Power	26,221.87
Haydn Herman	Reimb	19.00
Ron Hoftiezer	Reimb	19.00
Infotech Solutions	Prof Fees	1,331.94
Knox, Andrew	Reimb	19.00
Landis+Gyr	Prof Fees	1,256.38
Lyle Signs	Supplies	81.84
Terry Manning	Reimb	101.00
Miller Ace	Supplies	445.07
Miller C&C	Membership	350.00
Mmua	Apprentice Training Program	10,925.00
Ohed	Industry	6,000.00
Prairie Wind Promotions	Banners	1,540.00
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	8.75
Riter Rogers	Prof Fees	490.00
Rd	Loan	16,403.00
Sd Dor	Excise Tax For 2025	8,617.54
Sd Msma	Prof Fees	15.00
Servall	Service	137.19
Sd 811	Locates	29.12
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	975.00
Sturdevant's	Supplies	156.90
Visa	Supp./Wtr Purchased/Fuel/Etc	21,181.94
Wapa	Power	65,988.20
	Accounts Payable Total	186,438.13

**Payroll Salary plus  
Benefits by Department:**

		1/15/2026		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
	FINANCE			
41402	OFFICE	3,435.31	0.00	3,435.31
42101	POLICE	15,606.79	1,526.39	17,133.18
43101	STREET	9,869.31	141.03	10,010.34
43201	SEWER	6,743.85	219.60	6,963.45
43305	WATER	6,743.76	219.60	6,963.36
43403	ELECTRIC	15,284.94	0.00	15,284.94
		<u>\$57,683.96</u>	<u>\$2,106.62</u>	<u>\$59,790.58</u>