

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2026.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held January 20, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT** None.

**Department Head Reports**

Mayor McGough appreciated the time that Electric Department Superintendent Dustin Graham spent with him demonstrating Fast Forward's mapping capabilities.

Mayor McGough congratulated Terry Manning for being re-elected to the South Dakota Association Rural Water board. The annual SD Airports conference will be held in Pierre in April this year.

Finance Officer Cindy Deuter commented that petitions for the municipal election on June 2, 2026, can begin circulating today and are due back in the finance office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24. The local board of equalization will meet on March 16.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tre Blasdell – 6-mo. probation:** Water Superintendent Terry Manning stated that Tre Blasdell has completed the 6-month probationary period. Blasdell was hired to the water department in August 2025, and he is a good fit for the position of water/wastewater operator. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to take Tre Blasdell off probation and give him a \$1.00/hour wage increase effective with the current pay period. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Chris Henrickson – intent to retire:** Officer Henrickson turned in a letter to Chief Huss stating his intent to retire in June of this year.

**Police Department quotes:** Chief Huss presented 2 quotes from Independence Upfitters, Brookings, SD. The first quote is to purchase and install a push bumper and remote start on the 2024 Dodge Durango and to install cameras for a total of \$3,374.99. The second quote is for labor only to install cameras on the 2021 Ford Explorer for \$1,050.00. Each of the dash cameras are priced at \$2,000 and were donated by the Belle Fourche Police Department to the Miller PD through the South Dakota Highway Safety grant program. The department has \$8,800 in its equipment budget. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to accept both quotes as presented for a total of \$4,424.99. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**On Sight 24/7 cameras quote:** Terry Manning presented a quote from On Sight 24/7, Mitchell, SD to purchase and install cameras with remote support – 2 cameras for the fire hall, one in front and one in back and one camera to place on the front of city hall for a total of \$3,545.88. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve the camera quote as presented for \$3,545.88. Five members voted aye. Alderman Price – abstained. Motion carried.

**Federal Signal quote:** Electric Superintendent Dustin Graham asked the council to purchase a service kit from Federal Signal, University Park, IL to upgrade the system for the siren near city hall. Graham has made repairs to less expensive parts of the siren and needs the kit to enable radio function again. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to have Dustin Graham purchase the service kit from Federal Signal for \$2,558.84. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**KBA audit quote:** The city's financial statements need to be audited as required by state and federal laws. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Price to have Kohlman, Bierschbach & Anderson LLP perform an audit of the financial statements subject to Uniform Guidance as quoted not to exceed \$21,500.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Budget Authority:** The current budget authority threshold for department heads is \$1,000 and was set in August 2021. Discussion was held about increased costs and procurement processes with the department heads. Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Hargens to increase the department head budget authority to \$2,000. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Helms & Associates Invoices:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to pay Helms & Associates invoices 37803 and 37811 for a total of \$3,510.86. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Swimming Pool Project – proposals:** Burbach Aquatics, Inc. requested proposals from qualified engineering firms for a professional site survey and geotechnical services on behalf of the city. BAI emailed the proposals to Finance Officer Cindy Deuter on Thursday, January 29 for city review. The following firms submitted proposals for the site survey: Ehrhart, Griffin & Associates - \$9,900, Civil Design, Inc. - \$8,000, SPN & Associates - \$11,200, Banner Associates, Inc. - \$16,875, and Brosz Engineering, Inc. - \$19,250. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Gab to follow BAI's recommendation and accept the proposal for site survey services from SPN & Associates for \$11,200. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The following firms submitted proposals for geotechnical services: Geotek Engineering & Testing Services, Inc. - \$10,000, Soil Technologies, Inc. - \$11,600, and Certified Testing Services, Inc. - \$7,660. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to accept the proposal for geotechnical services from Certified Testing Services for \$7,660. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Fire Department Roster:** Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Miller Fire Department Roster for 2026 SDML Worker's Compensation coverage. Five members voted aye. Alderman Price – abstained. Motion carried. Up-to-date rosters as supplied by the fire department will be kept on file in the finance office.

**Mayoral Proclamation:** The Miller School District implemented the "Hope Squad" in October 2025. It is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program. Mayor McGough has proclaimed February 12 as "Day of Hope" to promote activities in support of the squad's mission and encourages people to wear yellow in recognition of this day.

**Willie's Bar & Grill – Special Event Liquor Licenses:** Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve the special event liquor licenses for Willie's Bar & Grill to serve alcohol at the community center on February 11 and March 14, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:28 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 7:42 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS cont'd.**

**Police Department – open position:** Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to table advertising to hire a police officer and discuss this more at the March 16 regular city council meeting. 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 7:43 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 February 2026 (1)**

|                    |                        |                    |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| American Solutions | Supplies               | 55.87              |
| Bds                | Garbage                | 400.00             |
| Best Western       | Lodging                | 690.00             |
| Border States      | Supplies               | 120.68             |
| Builders Solutions | Supplies               | 14.70              |
| City Utilities     | Utilities              | 15,974.27          |
| Dgr                | Prof Fees              | 65.50              |
| Dg                 | Supplies               | 40.50              |
| Donlin Building    | Supplies               | 166.14             |
| Galls              | Supplies               | 586.99             |
| Dustin Graham      | Reimb Meals            | 280.00             |
| Hc Auditor         | Supplies               | 772.75             |
| Helms & Associates | Prof Fees              | 3,510.86           |
| Haydn Herman       | Reimb                  | 113.00             |
| Knox, Andrew       | Reimb                  | 113.00             |
| Napa               | Parts                  | 355.02             |
| Dave Nelson        | Solar Sellback         | 43.52              |
| Ohed               | 80% Bbb                | 4,080.77           |
| Postmaster         | Presort Permit #2      | 400.00             |
| Runnings           | Supplies               | 228.20             |
| Sd Phl             | Water Samples          | 40.00              |
| Servall            | Service                | 137.19             |
| Stobbs             | Repairs                | 627.44             |
| Stuart C Irby      | Supplies               | 975                |
| Sturdevant's       | Parts                  | 143.99             |
| Twin Valley Tire   | Repairs                | 276                |
| Us Bank            | Loans                  | 22,547.06          |
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| Us Bank            | Loans                  | 12,775.27          |
| Us Bank            | Loans                  | 4,640.84           |
| Victor Lundeen     | Supplies               | 447.25             |
| Wesco              | Supplies               | 339.07             |
|                    | Accounts Payable Total | <u>\$93,486.93</u> |

**Payroll Salary plus Benefits  
by Department:**

|            |                | 1/29/2026 & 1/30/2026 |                   |                    |
|------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Department |                | w/o OT                | OT                | Total              |
| 41101      | COUNCIL        | 2,508.26              | 0.00              | 2,508.26           |
| 41402      | FINANCE OFFICE | 2,838.60              | 0.00              | 2,838.60           |
| 41902      | BUILDING       | 299.59                | 0.00              | 299.59             |
| 42101      | POLICE         | 13,718.10             | 1,135.07          | 14,853.17          |
| 43101      | STREET         | 8,216.71              | 51.29             | 8,268.00           |
| 43201      | SEWER          | 5,749.94              | 75.24             | 5,825.18           |
| 43305      | WATER          | 5,749.89              | 75.23             | 5,825.12           |
| 43403      | ELECTRIC       | 13,849.98             | 0                 | 13,849.98          |
|            |                | <u>\$52,931.07</u>    | <u>\$1,336.83</u> | <u>\$54,267.90</u> |