

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

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 Tuesday, February 17, 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 Auch, seconded by Alderman Jones 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 February 2, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Pastor Will Page thanked Ron Hoftiezer and the city street department for helping to repave the courthouse parking lot earlier this summer. Thank you to Dan Fritzsche for sweeping it last week. Mayor McGough encouraged citizens to keep themselves educated regarding legislation at both the state and national levels. He mentioned a few bills of interest: South Dakota HB1245 which would allow citizens to vote to implement up to a 1% sales tax to help fund city projects. Bills concerning property tax are a big topic this year. There is a national bill that would require proof of citizenship to vote at the polls. He called South Dakota delegates to voice his opposition and followed up with Hand County Auditor Doug DeBoer for further clarification.

NEW BUSINESS

Sidewalk heaving: The sidewalk along East 4th Street of the 400 block is heaving due to weather. Alderman Jones stated it was worse last week during the warmer temperatures when the frost was coming out of the ground and has since gone down. The concrete remains in good condition. SPN & Associates engineered the East 4th Street and Armory parking lot projects and are aware of the issue. It was the consensus of the council to monitor the heaving before incurring more costs to correct a situation that might not happen again.

Phase IV Utility Improvements: 5% retainage is still being held for TLC Olson Construction. Pay request number 15 requests payment for half of that for \$109,173.19. There are punch list items to finish this spring. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Gab to pay half of the retainage. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

SDML District 5 Meeting: SDML Executive Director Sara Rankin will give a review of this year's legislation at the annual district meeting which will be held in Pierre on March 19. Council members and city employees are encouraged to attend.

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

Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills February 2026 (2)

3e Electrical	Prof Fees	1,152.30
44i	Prof Fees	249.00
A & B Business	Prof Fees	238.09
Advanced Collision	Repair	310.00
American Solutions	Supplies	15.23
Avera Hcm	Prof Fees	80.00
Avera Occ	Prof Fees	147.50
Border States	Supplies	1,191.64
Cnh	Supplies	136.79
Dakota Energy	On-Call	1,105.00
Federal Signal Corp	Siren-Service Kit	2,558.84
Governors Inn	Lodging	448.00
Dustin Graham	Reimb	146.75
First Bank & Trust	Power	45,380.23
Infotech	Prof Fees	1,354.44
Landis+Gyr	Prof Fees	1,256.38
Linde Gas & Equipment	Supplies	434.61
Milbank Winwater	Prof Fees	1,406.32
Miller Ace	Supplies	449.70
Ohed	Industry	5,500.00
On Sight	Cameras	3,527.88
Prairieland Collections Inc	Prof Fees	17.50
Rd	Loans	16,403.00
Sd Dps	Teletype Service	2,340.00
Sd Dor	Sales Tax	10,384.17
Sd Fpa	Supplies	860.00
Sdwwa	Regist.	80.00
Stuart C Irby	Supplies	975.00
Tlc Olson Construction	Water Phase Iv	109,173.19
Tony's Repair	Maint.	65.30
Usa Bluebook	Trench And Parts	10,979.55
Visa	Supp./Wtr Purchased/Fuel/Etc	23,789.61
Wapa	Power	72,443.60
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$314,599.62</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:

		2/12/2026		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,426.16	0.00	3,426.16
42101	POLICE	15,108.36	1,062.47	16,170.83
43101	STREET	9,863.91	115.39	9,979.30
43201	SEWER	6,726.41	27.45	6,753.86
43305	WATER	6,726.30	27.45	6,753.75
43403	ELECTRIC	14,912.39	0.00	14,912.39
		<u>\$56,763.53</u>	<u>\$1,232.76</u>	<u>\$57,996.29</u>