

**AGENDA
CITY OF MILLER
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

The City of Miller is an equal-opportunity employer.

**Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes..... pgs. 1 - 3**

Public Input

New Business

1. Fay Jandreau – Venture Communications
 - complete construction of fiber main line, west side of town
2. Levi Stoddard – fence/variance
3. Mike Waldner – Director of SecureSD, DSU: cybersecurity pgs. 4 - 6
4. Justin Sell – American Legion
5. Ron Hoftiezer – lawn mower
6. City Wide Cleanup – Thurs. & Fri. June 11-12
 - (will accept: wood, furniture, carpet, metal, trees/limbs | NO tires, NO electronics such as TVs/computers, NO paint, NO cardboard)
7. Miller School District – street requestspg. 7
 - close East 8th Avenue, a.k.a. Rustler Drive, for the summer during construction
 - utilize East 7th Avenue as a 2-way street while Rustler Drive is closed
8. Miller C&C and MFD – fireworks permitpg. 8
9. Special Event Liquor License – Willie’s Bar & Grill
 - wedding on 5/30/2026 at the Miller Community Center

Approval of Bills

Adjourn

Public comments are welcomed during public input, but no action can be taken by the Council on comments received at this meeting. Anyone wishing to have the Council vote on an item should call the Finance Office at 853-2705 by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the next scheduled meeting to be placed on the agenda.

**UNAPPROVED
CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 4, 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 Monday, May 4, 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 Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the agenda as amended to include another item after “Swimming pool project” for “Pool build plans.” All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC INPUT None.

Department Head Reports

Mayor McGough noted item number 4 on the street department report. He thanked Mrs. Munger and her high school art class for painting scenes on the trash receptacles along the business district on main street. The artwork has been sealed by the street department.

NEW BUSINESS

Kris Manning – block party: Kris Manning was unable to attend. Terry Manning spoke on his behalf to request closing the street for their 3rd annual block party on Saturday, July 25th. A live band from Aberdeen and food are planned for the event. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to close West 2nd Avenue between 5th Street and 6th Street for a block party on July 25th. All members voted aye. Alderman Gab abstained. Motion carried.

Phase IV Utility Improvements: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve payment of **SPN invoice 38354** for \$5,918.73. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve payment of **TLC Olson Construction Pay App No. 16** for \$118,811.24. All members voted aye. Alderman Jones abstained. Motion carried. The retainage of \$29,002.45 was deemed appropriate for the remaining punch list items.

Helms & Associates invoices: Helms & Associates submitted 2 invoices: 38284 in the amount of \$1,656.00 for the airport taxiway reconstruction & access road project for construction administration and resident engineering services and 38288 in the amount of \$6,419.57 for the AWOS-III-P project for bidding. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve payment of Helms & Associates invoices 38284 and 38288 for a total of \$8,075.57. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Swimming pool project – BAI invoices: 2 invoices have been submitted by Burbach Aquatics, Inc. for payment. Invoice 9060 is for Phase II Basic Compensation – 95% complete for \$345,511.09. Invoice 9061 is for Phase II Reimbursables for \$11,882.75. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to pay BAI invoices 9060 and 9061 for a total of \$357,393.84. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Pool Build Plans: Alderman Price explained that the plans and specifications are 95% complete by Burbach Aquatics, Inc. The plans must be approved by the city to move forward with advertising for bids. Alderman Price requested that the city council allow the committee to review and approve the 75 pages of details to stay on track with the project timeline. Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Hargens to give the pool committee authorization to

review and approve the plans and specifications and authorization to approve them for going to bid on the project. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2025 Annual Report: The 2025 Compiled Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2025, have been completed by Kohlman, Bierschbach & Anderson, LLP. Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer, pointed out the last page of the report that demonstrates the city's current long-term debt and obligations. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the 2025 Annual Report. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Malt Beverage License Renewals: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the following malt beverage license renewals: 4 Amigos, LLC – Cowboy Country Stores, DOLGEN Midwest, LLC – Dollar General, MILAN, INC. – Pump ‘N Pak, Turtle Creek Saloon, LLC, and Family Dollar Stores of SD, LLC – Family Dollar all contingent upon obtaining cleared background checks for felonies and upon receipt of the license fees from Family Dollar Stores of SD, LLC. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permit: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve a building permit for Brad and Deb Beilke for a shed at 427 W 5th St. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Bad debt write-offs: Christi Danburg, utility billing manager, performed an in-depth review of all accounts in collections. A report is attached to the agenda listing the individual accounts at Prairieland Collections, Inc. and United Accounts, Inc. that have been exhausted, the debtor is deceased, or they have no records on file. The total is \$11,285.42. Of that, one account was in pre-bankruptcy; some funds were able to be collected, however, \$5,192.93 remains uncollected on that account. Alderman Jones asked if the redacted names should be made available as public knowledge. No one present at this meeting knew the answer to Alderman Jones's question. Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer, erred on the side of caution by redacting the names from the list. Mayor McGough said if we discover the names of the debtors are indeed public record, we can make it known. He continued by reading through each individual amount owed and reasons for write-off on 9 accounts at Prairieland Collections for a total of \$8,154.96. 2 accounts for a total of \$3,130.46 were at United Accounts. That business was closed with no notification to the city. Both accounts are beyond the statute of limitations. Mayor McGough referenced the finance office department head report. The item listed as number 9 states, "The office staff plans to write an ordinance to change the utility billing cycle to be effective with November's usage, December's bill. A notice to customers will be drafted. Notices will begin to circulate in July to give customers ample notice and time to plan." Deuter explained that if a full month is cut from the cycle, a third of the dollars sitting in collections, under ordinary circumstances, could be eliminated. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to write-off the bad debt accounts listed for a total of \$11,285.42. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: Mayor McGough read a letter from DANR recognizing the Miller Water Department operators and commended them for "outstanding water system operations and environmental compliance with state drinking water standards for the past year."

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:24 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 7:26 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS cont'd.

Hire lifeguard: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to hire Haylee Rieck as lifeguard at \$13.77/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Note: 13 lifeguards, including Sydney Jessen, pool manager, have been hired for the 2026 season.

Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Hargens to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills May 2026 (1)

A-1 Body	Repairs	4,728.60
American Solutions	Supplies	125.75
Bds	Garbage	400.00
Blasdell, Tre	Reimb	19.00
Border States	Supplies	301.20
Burbach Aquatics	Phase Two Engineering Services	357,393.84
Cedar Shore Resort	Lodging	261.04
City Utilities	Utilities	11,616.54
Dacotah Diamond Auctions	40 Ft Shipping Container	4,940.00
Donlin Building	Supplies	31.37
Dan Fritzsche	Reimb	19.00
Galls	Supplies	182.71
Dustin Graham	Reimb	124.00
Hc Rod	Filing Fees	60.00
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	8,075.57
Haydn Herman	Reimb	70.00
Ron Hoftiezer	Cdl License	43.00
Kba	2025 Annual Report	1,850.00
Knox, Andrew	Reimb	35.00
Napa	Parts	81.94
Ohed	80% Bbb	2,675.38
Petty Cash	Reimb	23.17
David Phinney	Reimb	43.00
Postmaster	Presort Permit #2	425.00
Sd Fpa	Supplies	303.00
Servall	Service	137.19
Sign Solutions	Signs	120.74
Spn	Prof Fees	5,918.73
Sturdevant's	Supplies	381.96
Tlc Olson Construction	Water Phase Iv	118,811.24
Us Bank	Loan	22,547.06
Us Bank	Loan	22,526.05
Us Bank	Loan	12,775.27
Us Bank	Loan	4,640.84
Us Bank	Loan	23,981.98
Vosika Fencing	Supplies	10,854.00
Waldrop, James	Reimb	20.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$611,814.57</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:

4/30/2026

Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41101 COUNCIL	4,031.52	0.00	4,031.52
41902 BUILDING	283.25	0.00	283.25
	<u>\$4,314.77</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$4,314.77</u>



SecureSD: Cybersecurity for Municipalities and Counties
Value of the SecureSD Secure Data & Email Solution



Original Date: 11/24/25 Revision Date: 3/30/26

What is the value of implementing the SecureSD Secure Data & Email Solution?

Implementing the SecureSD Secure Data & Email Solution offers significantly enhanced security, compliance, and data control tailored for U.S. government entities. This goes far beyond just having the “.gov” email address.

This solution also includes **all** MS Office 365 data (word docs, budget spreadsheets, citizen data, OneDrive, SharePoint/Teams content). All information being migrated/stored in the Microsoft Government level cloud environment that complies with federal data residency mandates and CJIS compliance requirements. The solution also includes additional cybersecurity functions such as, Simulated Phishing Campaigns, Real-time scanning for email threats, Advanced Threat Protection (ATP), Multi-factor Authentication (MFA), eDiscovery, legal hold, and audit logging capabilities to name a few.

The first question we all have to ask is “Are you a Government Entity?” Second question is “Do you use Email?” If the answer is yes to either question, your email (and other data) **NEEDS to** be in the government dedicated cloud environment. It is as simple as that.

“Are you a Government Entity?”

If the answer is **yes**, your data & email **NEEDS** to be in the government dedicated cloud environment.

It is as simple as that.

Because the Government Environment licenses cost a little more some entities question “Why would a citizen want the MS 365 Government Environment .vs. the Business Class Office 365 License environment?” As citizens we are required to give our local government (both city and county) our information. Our cities and counties possess and store all our personal information, including details like banking records, address, birth date, and other personally identifiable data. We don’t have a choice unless we move, in which case (same story) that new city and county will have our information. Whereas with a business environment it is our choice (and somewhat responsibility) if we want to do business with them and provide them with our information.

An example story: *New grandparents reported their kids purchased a Digital Picture Frame - Great idea and very meaningful gift. However, researching the product and company reveled it was a huge cybersecurity risk – including malware downloaded upon boot, among other risks with their app and company. So, it is a choice not to do business with that company, not to provide them with any information, and move on to another company they are more comfortable with. **We don’t have that choice with local governments;** thus, we expect (not hope) they do the right thing and properly cybersecure and protect our information.*



Email remains the #1 threat vector
Show your citizens you are doing your part to secure their information as part of South Dakota's ongoing commitment to cybersecurity, compliance, and public trust in our communications.

Multiple cybersecurity reports continue to confirm that **email remains the #1 threat vector**, with compelling data to back it up (just do a Google or an AI search on it). One report says, "email is not just a communication tool – it's a battleground." Why is email such a big cybersecurity threat vector? Low cost and high reach as attackers can send millions of emails with minimal effort, needing only a very small percentage of those million emails to be compromised to be worthwhile. Human vulnerability is another big factor, especially here in South Dakota as what appears to be a valid message exploits trust, urgency, or curiosity which before you know it you are compromised. From a technical standpoint, these malicious emails can bypass other technical defenses such as firewalls, antivirus tools and even sophisticated phishing spam filters.

So, what are the key benefits and protections of the SecureSD Data & Email Solution? First is Enhanced Security & Compliance. **All your data** (not just email) is stored in the Government Community Cloud (GCC) Environment that operates in a dedicated cloud infrastructure built exclusively for U.S. federal, state, local, and tribal governments and their contractors. This means your data is stored and processed in U.S.-based "only" data centers with access restricted to screened U.S. personnel.

All data—including email, files (**such as word docs, budget spreadsheets, citizen data**), and SharePoint/Teams content—is stored exclusively within the continental U.S., ensuring compliance with federal data residency mandates. Mandates our police departments and Sheriff's offices are well area of, such as CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Services) compliance requirements. Only U.S. citizens with background checks manage the infrastructure, reducing insider threat risks or nation state actors having access to your information.

While all this technical cybersecurity is happening, the user experience remains consistent with standard Microsoft 365 tools (with added security layers) most of us are already using with no retraining needed. The system also fully supports hybrid work environments with secure mobile access and remote collaboration tools.

Implementing the SecureSD Data & Email Solution demonstrates a strategic platform upgrade designed specifically to keep **all** communications secure, compliant, and credible, while being aligned with the highest standards of public sector technology. Most importantly, it **shows your citizens you are doing your part to secure their information** as part of South Dakota's ongoing commitment to cybersecurity, compliance, and public trust in our communications.

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SecureSD: Cybersecurity for Municipalities and Counties

Checklist of solutions & steps to receive services



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SecureSD: Solutions & Participation Steps
Program Required Steps: <i>(Do these immediately, if you have not already)</i>	
<i>Note: These services will ensure we establish a cybersecurity baseline for our local governments across South Dakota.</i>	
	Fill out Inquiry Form Tell us what solutions your entity is interested in and what help you'd like https://madlabs.dsu.edu/securesd/
	Technical Assessment Project Boundary Fence (PBF) <i>[Or equivalent]</i> Sign up: https://madlabs.dsu.edu/digforce/boundary-fence
	Strategic Assessment Risk Assessment (CISA-Dept. Homeland Security) <i>[Or equivalent]</i> Email SecureSD@dsu.edu for details
	Weekly External Network Vulnerability Scanning Weekly Web Application Vulnerability Scanning (Website) <i>(CISA-Dept. Homeland Security) [Or equivalent]</i> The results of these weekly scans can be interpreted by In-house, IT Vendor, DSU experts Email SecureSD@dsu.edu for details
	Firewall Configuration Review Qualified 3rd party review of firewall configurations
	DNS Configuration Review SecureSD-DSU cybersecurity experts will review DNS configurations
	Migration/switch to .gov domain SecureSD can provide [cityname].SDCity.gov OR [countyname].SDCounty.gov Specifically reserved for government entities in the United States For more information: https://get.gov/domains/moving/
	Cybersecurity Education In-person or virtual training and education on cybersecurity fundamentals for employees
Program Solution: Secure Data & Email Solution	
	Migrate to a secure data & email solution Government-level secure data and email environments including support for CJIS and federal compliance requirements
Program Solution: Security Enhancement Mitigation	
	Mitigate security vulnerabilities/issues Remove/reduce/mitigate/fix (if possible) any vulnerabilities found during assessments Will be done by: DSU Applied Research Lab (ARL) / ARL Consult / MSP / Local IT
	Purchase specialized security equipment or software Purchase of technology (hardware or software) that can protect our citizens' data contained within local governments
Program Solution: Training & Planning <i>(available now for scheduling)</i>	
	Employee Cybersecurity Training Tailored specifically for Government Employees
	Incident Response Planning Workshop with follow-up Tabletop Exercises Using templates to define the steps to prepare for, detect, contain, and recover from a significant cybersecurity incident. Build your own plan specifically for your entity.

Inquire with SecureSD (<https://madlabs.dsu.edu/securesd>) for any of these services.

Cindy Deuter

From: Norden, Eric <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 8:26 AM
To: Cindy Deuter
Subject: Request for City Meeting

First, I would like to request that E 8th Ave, (Rustler Drive) be closed for the summer in front of the elementary building. It would allow the workers more freedom in building the school. With that we would like the last block of E 7th Ave to the East of the armory to be turned into a 2 way street while Rustler Drive is closed.

Thank you.

Eric Norden
Superintendent
Miller School District

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May 6th, 2026

Miller City Council Board Members
123 East 2nd St
Miller, South Dakota 57362

Dear Board Members:


As specified in SDCL: 34-37-13, I am requesting permission to have a public display of fireworks on July 4, 2026 in conjunction with the Miller holiday celebration. We would like to request July 5, 2026 to also be granted only if we have to reschedule due to weather on the 4th.

The display will last up to one hour and will take place from about 9:30 P.M. until 11:00 P.M.

The display, if permitted, will occur upon the property of:

The pasture ground, owned by Miller School District located between the Miller High School Football complex and St. Ann's Cemetery which is assessable off East 7th Street, Miller, SD.

The property will be protected from uncontrolled fire by the Miller Fire Department who will be present prior to, during, and after the display is conducted. Trained technicians of the Miller Fire Department will manage the display.

 5-6-26

Brandon Hammill, Fire Chief
Miller Fire Department

34-37-13. Public display of fireworks. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the use of public display of fireworks. However, any person, association, organization, municipality, county, firm, partnership, or corporation, before making such public display of fireworks shall secure a written permit from the governing board of the municipality, township; or county where the public display is to be fired and shall have purchased fireworks for the display from a licensed wholesaler under this chapter. Any public display shall comply with the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1123, 1995 edition.

Upon due consideration, the City Council of Miller does hereby grant permission to the Miller Fire Department to have a public display of fireworks to take place on July 4, 2026 or July 5th, 2026 (rain out dates) upon the described property. This permission is contingent upon the approval of the property owners.

Granted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Thomas McGough, Mayor
City of Miller, South Dakota