

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 8, 2026**

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The City Council met in special session at city hall on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Dale Hargens, Will Jones, Patrick Price (via phone call), 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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Police Department – new hire:** John Butler will finish school at Lake Area Technical Institute in May 2026. He will be replacing Chris Henrickson who plans on retiring in June. Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Hargens to hire John Butler to the open police officer position at \$24.00/hour with a \$1.00/hour raise upon successful completion of a 6-month probationary period and to pay John a \$3,000 recruitment/relocation bonus, half of which will be reimbursed by On Hand Development Corporation after the first year of employment, effective today. Alderman Hargens stated that John had a great interview and does not need to take the 13-week course in Pierre which saves the city money. Alderman Gab said that John will start before Chris retires in June to get him ready to go full-time. All members voted aye. (Finance Officer Cindy Deuter heard Alderman Price’s “aye” vote from the phone.) Motion carried.

**Police Department – Officer Wayne Ames’s resignation:** Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Auch to accept Officer Wayne Ames’s resignation effective immediately. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderman Gab – aye, Alderman Auch – aye, Alderman Jones – nay, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye. Motion carried. Alderman Jones clarified his nay vote. He voted “nay” not because he wants Wayne to stay but because he thinks it should have been a termination.

Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Gab to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderman Gab – aye, Alderman Auch – aye, Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

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Tom McGough, Mayor

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Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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