

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2026

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 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 Auch to approve the amended agenda to include Resolution No. 2026-9 to surplus a 1998 Chevy C15 pickup as item number 11 in New Business. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held April 6, 2026, and the special meeting held April 8, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Miller Swim Club: Aubrey DeHaai, swim club coach, was unable to attend tonight's meeting and asked Mayor McGough to speak on her behalf. The club would like permission to use the pool for morning practices again this season. Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Price to allow Miller Swim Club to use the swimming pool and to coordinate with times with Sydney Jessen, pool manager. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Jansen Naber – OHDC 1st quarter review: Mayor McGough began with thanking all those involved with the Diamonds and Denim event. It was a huge success and a great community gathering to help raise funds for Miller's new swimming pool. Jansen stated that not much has changed since her last report to the city council. She gave a brief review of OHDC's following business items: Revolving Loan Program, Sign & Awning Programs, Employee Recruitment Program, Governor's House Project, Annual Event – Diamonds & Denim, the Delta Dental bus, and "Operation Main Street." The Diamonds & Denim event raised \$86,000 for the swimming pool project. Jansen explained Miller C&C's sticker cards that are available at any member business. The Summer Recreation Book, sponsored by On Hand and the community center, will be available on the last day of school. She provided OHDC's ordinary income/expense report for 2025 along with its 2026 budget. Mayor McGough expressed his appreciation of On Hand's efforts and what they do for the community.

Kaity Bertsch – pickup show at Crystal Park: Aliasha McCarthy, Kaity Bertsch, and Joni Weaver would like to start the Annual Wyatt Rowland Memorial Pickup & Truck Show on June 14 at Crystal Park. The entry fees will be used to establish a scholarship fund for college students with a goal of \$500. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the pickup and truck show on June 14 at Crystal Park. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Mike Werdel – Legion update: Building improvements continue, with the bar complete, bathrooms nearly finished and operational, and the kitchen expected to be done this summer. Drainage work has been completed, and a secondary arena will be ready for 4th of July events. About 130 people attended the recent ham bingo night held the same day as Diamonds & Denim, and Mike expressed appreciation for the community's support. Bingo and Capture the King will continue for 3 more weeks and resume in October. The bar is open Friday–Monday from noon to 7 p.m. Upcoming joint events with the VFW include Memorial activities on May 25 and a distinguished destruction of flags on June 14. Summer events include Sno-Goers side-by-side racing for the 4th of July, a performance by Ivory on July 24, and the Miller Thriller Bull Bash on September 12. Gale Auch was recently elected commander and will provide future updates.

Brooke Edgar, Helms & Associates – AWOS Project: Brooke gave an update on the AWOS (Automated Weather Observation System) project. Bids were opened on April 9, 2026. 3 bids were received: Efraimson Electric, Inc., Bryant, SD - \$236,519.16, Muth Electric, Inc., Mitchell, SD - \$274,800.10, and KOBO Utility Construction Corp., Sandwich, MA - \$457,003.80. Engineer's estimate - \$335,000.00 which includes engineering costs. Helm's & Associates recommends that the

city move forward with Eframson Electric, Inc., Bryant, SD. To meet the timelines of the federal grant process, she recommends that the city council allow the Mayor to sign all necessary documentation and paperwork for the construction process. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Price a tentative award for AIP Project #3-46-0035-019-2026 Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS-III-P), Base Bid is made to Eframson Electric, Inc., Bryant, SD, in the amount of \$236,519.16 contingent upon receipt of an FAA Grant Offer. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Alderman Price asked for clarification of the total FAA grant dollars being requested. Brooke gave the breakdown as follows: the total project is estimated at \$335,000, federal share - \$318,250 (95%), state share - \$8,375 (2.5%), and local share - \$8,375 (2.5%). Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to authorize the Mayor to sign the FAA Grant Application, FAA Grant Offers, and all necessary paperwork for the Construction Contract Documents. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Brooke explained an annual AWOS inspection will be required and that SD DOT is working to get a contract together to manage that for all non-federal AWOS systems in South Dakota to reduce those costs. Helms & Associates is urging SD DOT to include a cost-share as well. The city council appreciates its working relationship with Helms & Associates for continued progress of Miller's airport. It remains a heavily used airport and keeps transportation to and from Miller open.

Terry Manning – storage containers: At the last city council meeting, Terry requested to purchase 2 storage containers. He gathered additional quotes for a 40' storage container, the lowest being \$4,940.00. Dave Nelson will allow the city to use his personal 20' storage container free of charge when demolition of the pool commences at the end of the season. Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Jones to purchase a 40' storage container for \$4,940.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The council thanked Dave, who was present at this meeting, for his support. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve a building permit for the city to place the 40' storage container at 204 West 1st Street. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building permit – Hargens Realty: Hargens Realty hired Handyman Express to work on the house at 800 East 3rd Street. They were told to replace the deck and the step on the front. The deck is larger than the original which requires a building permit which was not acquired before construction began. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve a building permit for a deck at 800 East 3rd Street and to access a \$25.00 fee for violation of city ordinance. All members voted aye, Alderwoman Hargens and Alderman Hargens abstained. Motion carried.

Quarterly financial review: Finance Officer Cindy Deuter reviewed the following quarterly reports for all city funds with the council members: Cash Report, Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense Report. Alderman Price stated that everything looks to be tracking along at 25% through the year. Cindy reminded the council of the unforeseen sewer fund expense of the lift station pumps being repaired early in the budget year. The expense was approved previously, and the budget will be monitored closely. Sales tax collected is 10.5% less than last year.

Swimming pool project – advertise for bids: Alderman Price gave an update. The pool committee will meet on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. to finalize decisions for inclusion in the project specifications. To reduce costs, the demolition part of the project will be bid separately. Burbach Aquatics, Inc. is waiting for engineering of the support structure of the new pool. BAI has been in contact with contractors to watch for the bid notice in May. Funds raised and interest earned to date are just under \$4.3 million. According to the timeline provided by BAI, the project is on course to begin demolition on August 1. Substantial completion is set for May 27, 2027. Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the process of going to bid on the demolition and construction of the new swimming pool. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Utilities Committee update: Finance Officer Cindy Deuter outlined the plan to shorten the utility billing cycle. Currently, bills are calculated on the 16th of each month, due on the 15th of the following month, with penalties assessed on the 16th. Past-due balances are then due on the first of next month. Under this schedule, accounts accumulate up to three months of usage before reaching shut-off status. Office staff have developed a plan to reduce this timeframe from three months to two. An ordinance will be drafted to implement the change, and customers will receive ample notice to prepare.

Cindy also updated the council on upcoming water projects. The AMI water meter system has been postponed until 2028, and installation of meter pits will be deferred. The 6-inch water line near the Legion will be relocated this year using the current \$50,000 capital improvement budget.

Resolution No. 2026-9 – surplus: Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2026-9 to surplus the 1998 Chevy C15 pickup. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve Resolution No. 2026-9. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:55 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 8:26 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS cont'd.

Hire lifeguard: Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Jones to higher Lexi Bishop as lifeguard at \$13.50/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Open police officer position: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to open and advertise for the police officer position that is vacant due to the resignation of Officer Wayne Ames. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills April 2026 (2)

44i	Prof Fees	249.00
A & B Business Solutions	Prof Fees	238.09
Blasdell, Tre	Reimb	241.30
Dakota Energy	On-Call	260.00
Dgr Engineering	School Addition Elec Layout	2,117.50
Brandon Hammill	Reimb	374.10
HC Publishing	Publications	333.94
Dale Hargens	Reimb	108.75
First Bank & Trust	Power	21,484.58
Infotech Solutions	Prof Fees	1,331.94
Kessler's	Fuel/Supplies	31.32
Landis+Gyr	Prof Fees	1,256.38
Milbank Winwater	Supplies	2,187.61
Miller Ace	Supplies	487.23
Dave Nelson	Solar Sellback 2026 Qtr 1	64.97
OHED	Industry	5,500.00
Prairie Wind Promotions	Clothing	144.00
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	21.00
Craig Price	Reimb	43.00
Ramkota	Lodging	282.00
Riter Rogers	Prof Fees	350.00
RD	Loans	16,403.00
SD PHL	Water Samples	40.00
SD DOR	Sales Tax	14,348.60
SD FPA	Supplies	173.50
SDML - Affiliates	Prof Fees	300.00
South Dakota 811	Locates	19.04
Storey Kenworthy	Supplies	802.87
Sturdevant's	Supplies	41.95
The Lodge At Deadwood	Lodging	210.00
Vandiest	Supplies	7,178.85
Visa	Supp./Wtr Purchased/Fuel/Etc	22,157.85
WAPA	Power	61,323.34
Wesco	Baseball Lights	19,905.00
World Ins	Ins	446.00
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$180,456.71</u>

Payroll Salary plus

Benefits by Department:

		4/9/2026 & 4/23/2026		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	6,920.59	0.00	6,920.59
42101	POLICE	33,336.25	1,880.44	35,216.69
43101	STREET	18,878.57	76.93	18,955.50
43201	SEWER	13,962.97	82.35	14,045.32
43305	WATER	13,962.71	82.35	14,045.06
43403	ELECTRIC	32,310.66	77.79	32,388.45
45101	BALLPARK	581.31	0.00	581.31
45202	PARK	355.25	0.00	355.25
		<u>\$120,308.31</u>	<u>\$2,199.86</u>	<u>\$122,508.17</u>