

**CITY OF MILLER**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 4, 2026**

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> annual block party on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. A live band from Aberdeen and food are planned for the event. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to close West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street for a block party on July 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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>