

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2026

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tom McGough, Aldermen: Will Jones, Patrick Price, Dale Hargens, 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 Hargens to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 18, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Mayor McGough reminded motorists to keep an eye out for school-aged kids riding around town on bicycles this summer.

Department Head Reports

Mayor McGough noted to Ron Hoftiezer that the campground area looks good with the newly laid gravel. As a reminder, Mayor McGough stated that the citywide cleanup is on June 11 and 12. Ron stated that the Hand County Rubble site's free weekend is on June 11-13. The flyer that lists acceptable and unacceptable items is published in *The Miller Press* and posted on the city's Facebook page. Terry Manning confirmed that the chemical for the water in the pool arrived on Friday. The pool will open this week after the lifeguards have all been properly trained.

NEW BUSINESS

Stray cats: Alderman Gab reported receiving several calls over the past few weeks regarding issues with stray cats within the city. In some neighborhoods, residents have reported as many as 10 or more cats congregating in a single yard. Concerns include cats climbing on vehicles, entering garages, and spraying near homes. Alderman Gab encouraged pet owners to ensure their cats are properly identified with collars and licensed annually. Alderman Price also noted that the City's animal ordinance is in effect and will be more strictly enforced moving forward.

Infotech Solutions – quotes: 2 quotes were presented from Infotech Solutions, Inc. to migrate the city's data and emails to the government cloud and for the licensing required to do so. Both quotes will be funded by SecureSD until the funds for that program are gone at which time, Mike Waldner's team with DSU will reevaluate the need for funding going forward. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve quote 6620 from Infotech Solutions, Inc. for annual licensing for \$14,172.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderwoman Hargens to approve quote 6621 from Infotech Solutions, Inc. for migrating the city's emails and data for \$5,400.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried. City emails will be changed to a ".gov" domain.

Micro-Comm – renew service contract: Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve renewal of the annual service contract with Micro-Comm, Inc. for the water and sewer department's telemetry system for \$4,900.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Helms & Associates invoices: Helms & Associates submitted 2 invoices: 38468 in the amount of \$153.71 for project coordination on the airport taxiway reconstruction & access road project and 38478 in the amount of \$2,567.83 for the AWOS-III-P project for bidding. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve payment of Helms & Associates invoices 38468 and 38478 for a total of \$2,721.54. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permits: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the following building permits: Rusty VanDerWerff – addition to house at 418 W 4th Ave and Eric Norden – shed at 524 W 7th St. All members voted aye, Alderwoman Hargens and Alderman Jones abstained for VanDerWerff’s addition to their house. Motion carried. Dustin Graham clarified that Herron’s building permit application for a shed complies with the setbacks in city code. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve a building permit for Leslie Herron – shed at 619 E 2nd Ave. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Department Head Reports *cont’d.* Mayor McGough circled back to the finance office report due to having a few minutes of time before the public hearing. He reviewed Alderman Jones’s previous question about publicizing the names of those customers in bad debt. Due to legal and privacy constraints in South Dakota law, publishing a list of names for general public knowledge likely violates privacy standards and debt collection regulations. Public notice requirements for things like delinquent property taxes are required to be published in legal newspapers, which makes them public record. This is different from publishing a general list of all utility or city service accounts in collections.

PUBLIC HEARING

7:30 Board of Adjustments – Variance: Mayor McGough temporarily adjourned the board as the common council and convened as the board of adjustments at the published time of 7:30 p.m. Levi Stoddard was not present but has requested a variance to build a fence on the south side of his property at 305 W 5th Ave. No individuals opposed to or in support of the variance were present. Ron Hoftiezer, street superintendent, is okay with the fence if it does not interfere with drainage. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to grant Levi’s request for a variance to allow Stoddard to build a fence closer to and beyond the lot line than allowed by City Code. An easement agreement needs to be signed. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough reconvened the board back to the common council at 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills June 2026 (1)

Adams Building Center	Supplies	1,555.12
American Bank & Trust	Fee	15.00
American Solutions	Supplies	295.04
Bds	Garbage	400.00
Border States	Supplies	191.38
City Utilities	Utilities	10,013.37
Donlin Building	Supplies	260.88
First Bank & Trust	Loans	412,492.51
Fischer Plumbing	Supplies	53.55
Dan Fritzsche	Reimb.	19.00
Helms	Prof Fees	2,721.54
Mcleod's Printing	Supplies	245.12
Micro-Comm	Prof Fees	5,300.00
Milbank Winwater	Supplies	1,716.45
Northwest Pipe	Supplies	756.84
Ohed	80% Bbb	3,149.78
Postmaster	Presort Permit #2	425.00
Sd Phl	Water Samples	40.00
Servall	Service	145.42
Share Corp	Supplies	2,134.08
Uline	Dispenser	249.41
Vandiest	Supplies	237.50
Wesco	Sub Assem	2,808.00
Wilbur-Ellis	Supplies	107.63
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$445,332.62</u>

Payroll Salary plus**Benefits by Department:**

		5/29/2026		
Department		w/o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	2,831.20	0.00	2,831.20
41902	BUILDING	288.70	0.00	288.70
		<u>\$3,119.90</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$3,119.90</u>