

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 20, 2026

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The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 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 Auch, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the agenda with one deletion of New Business item number 1. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held July 6, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: The last day the swimming pool will be open is August 8. Mayor McGough appreciated receiving a phone call thanking the city street department for mitigating a line of sight issue at one of the intersections close to the pool.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2nd Reading Ordinance #769 – electric billing cycle: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the second reading of Ordinance #769. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Price – aye. Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Auch – aye, Alderman Gab – aye. Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

2nd Reading Ordinance #770 – water billing cycle: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to adopt Ordinance #770. Roll call vote: Alderwoman Hargens – aye, Alderman Gab – aye, Alderman Auch – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Jones – aye. Motion carried.

2nd Reading Ordinance #771 – rezone 316 S Broadway Avenue: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to adopt Ordinance #771. Roll call vote: Alderman Jones – aye, Alderman Price – aye, Alderman Hargens – aye, Alderman Auch – aye, Alderman Gab – aye, Alderwoman Hargens – aye. Motion carried.

“gWorks Payment” fee structure: Finance Officer Cindy Deuter displayed the tiered fee structure as additional information regarding the ACH fees that will be passed on to the city’s utility customers beginning in August. The motion at the last regular council meeting was to pass on the \$3.00 ACH fee to the customer. The tiered structure is as follows: Payments up to \$500 → \$3 fee, Payments \$500.01–\$1,000 → \$4 fee, Payments \$1,000.01–\$5,000 → \$5 fee, and Payments over \$5,000.01 → \$10 fee. Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Gab to pass on any and all gWorks ACH processing fees to the customer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Electric department employee wages: The specific hourly wages approved at previous council meeting(s) were not included in a formal motion. Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Auch, to set the hourly wages as follows: Dustin Graham at \$55.76 per hour, Haydn Herman at \$46.25 per hour, and Andrew Knox at \$35.51 per hour. The motion also approved backpay for Andrew Knox to his May anniversary date for the wage increase associated with completion of Module 2. His new hourly wage includes a \$3.00 per hour increase for Module 2 completion and an additional \$3.00 per hour adjustment to align his wage with others in the department. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

On Hand quarterly review: Director Jansen Naber of On Hand Development Corporation presented the quarterly report. She noted the board's satisfaction with sales tax collections, which

are up 4.5% compared to the same period last year. Finance Officer Cindy Deuter reported that 46.90% of the estimated annual sales tax revenue has been collected, compared to 50% year-to-date. Alderman Price added that the city remains on pace to meet the budgeted \$1.1 million in sales tax revenue. Jansen reported that the revolving loan fund currently has just over \$395,000 loaned to local businesses. She also stated that the sign and awning programs are in full swing. On Hand provides reimbursement of 25%, up to \$1,500, for awnings and 50%, up to \$750, for business signs. One employment recruitment incentive was approved during the quarter. Under the program, the employee will receive \$1,500 from the employer and an additional \$1,500 from On Hand after one year of employment. Jansen reported that the Governor's House project, located at East 2nd Street and 4th Avenue, is projected to be completed in the fall of 2027. She added that there is a potential buyer for the home. The community center was rented or used for 23 days during the quarter. Jansen also congratulated Sierra Chapin on the purchase of the Clothes Garden building and wished her success as she begins her new business. Jansen informed the council that she had received calls from representatives of two other communities' chambers of commerce, including Wessington Springs, asking, "How can we be more like Miller?" They commented on the success of Miller's Chamber of Commerce and the strength of the community. Mayor McGough remarked that Miller's positive reputation is the result of the efforts of the entire community, including businesses, residents, governing entities, and volunteers.

Outlaw Ball Association – move softball fences: Joe Beranek was present to provide a preliminary overview of the Association's request to relocate, repair, and improve the outfield fences on the two softball fields. The proposed changes would reduce the field dimensions to align more closely with those of surrounding communities. Beranek clarified that the request is limited to the outfield fences and does not include relocating the light poles or scoreboards. Alderman Auch expressed concern that relocating the fences could leave the light poles more susceptible to being struck by vehicles and inquired about the impact on the irrigation system. Water Superintendent Terry Manning stated that the irrigation system has already been relocated twice and that moving it again would be a significant and time-consuming project. Alderman Price recommended conducting additional research before the Council considers the Association's request. Alderman Jones asked whether any of the existing fencing could be reused. Beranek responded that the Association would likely replace it with a higher-quality fence. He added that the light poles and scoreboards could be protected with bollards and noted that the southeast field's outfield fence is in poor condition, making this an appropriate time for replacement.

Resolution No. 2026-11 – annex school land: Mayor McGough read Resolution No. 2026-11 approving voluntary annexation of the land east of the football field as requested by the Miller School District 29-4. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to adopt Resolution No. 2026-11. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

City financials – quarterly review: Finance Officer Cindy Deuter presented the 50% year-to-date financial review. The revenue and expense report, balance sheet, and cash report were included in the agenda packet for Council review, with each report presented by fund. As of the 50% mark of the fiscal year, all funds are operating with a positive balance.

Infotech Solutions – quotes: 2 quotes were presented from Infotech Solutions, Inc. for new networking devices for all 4 locations at the City of Miller and the associated annual fees for services on the devices. It was noted that Infotech's firewalls are a Hardware as a Service (HAAS) device meaning the monthly/annual fee covers the hardware as well. Both quotes will be funded by SecureSD until the funds for that program are gone at which time, the SecureSD team with DSU will reevaluate the need for funding going forward. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve quote 6668 from Infotech Solutions, Inc. for network hardware for \$4,617.95. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve quote 6669 from Infotech Solutions, Inc. for annual services on the devices for \$9,240.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Permits: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve a building permit application for Ashley Colvin to build a fence at 114 W 9th St. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills July 2026 (2)

44i	Prof Fees	249.00
A & B Business	Prof Fees	238.09
Agtegra	Fuel	2,753.33
American Solutions	Supplies	27.37
Avera	Cdl Exams	875.00
Blasdell, Tre	Reimb	19.00
Bob's Gas	Fuel	1,423.95
Cindy Deuter	Reimb	19.00
Dustin Graham	Reimb	19.00
Brandon Hammill	Reimb	19.00
Hand County Publishing	Prof Fees	909.77
First Bank & Trust	Power	3,409.45
Haydn Herman	Reimb	19.00
Ron Hoftiezer	Reimb	404.80
Infotech	Prof Fees	1,385.94
Insurance Benefits	Liab Ins	1,551.00
Jdf	Ignition Switch	85.81
Kba	Prof Fees	14,512.50
Knox, Andrew	Reimb	19.00
Kusser,Kristin	Refund	20.00
Landis+Gyr	Prof Fees	1,444.83
Terry Manning	Reimb	19.00
Morris Inc	Gravel	12,025.60
Dave Nelson	Solar Sellback	125.36
Northwest Pipe	Supplies	2,651.85
Ohed	Industry	6,000.00
On Sight	Prof Fees	566.58
Oswald Trucking	Gravel	7,816.64
Prairieland Collections	Prof Fees	17.50
Riter Rogers	Prof Fees	297.50
Rd	Loans	16,403.00
Sd Dor	Sales Tax	11,127.95
Servall	Service	145.42
Sd 811	Locates	62.72
Storey Kenworthy	Laser Utility Bills	942.77
Sturdevant's	Supplies	19.56
Twin Valley Tire	Repair	50.00
Vandiest	Supplies	1,799.03
Visa	Supp./Wtr Purchased/Fuel/Etc	23,448.27
Wapa	Power	49,412.00
Wesco	Supplies	447.00
Accounts Payable Total		<u>\$162,782.59</u>

**Payroll Salary plus Benefits
by Department:**

		7/9/2026, 7/16/2026, 7/23/2026		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	3,387.09	0.00	3,387.09
42101	POLICE	11,866.69	2,699.81	14,566.50
43101	STREET	9,983.04	736.50	10,719.54
43201	SEWER	6,745.43	40.67	6,786.10
43305	WATER	6,745.31	40.66	6,785.97
43403	ELECTRIC	19,562.43	33.75	19,596.18
45101	BALLPARK	2,344.51	0.00	2,344.51
45202	PARK	1,216.45	0.00	1,216.45
45103	POOL	19,968.35	704.08	20,672.43
		<u>\$81,819.30</u>	<u>\$4,255.47</u>	<u>\$86,074.77</u>