

CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2026

The City of Miller is an equal-opportunity employer.

The City Council met in regular session at city hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 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 Jones, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve the agenda. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Price to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on July 20, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: Pastor Will Page thanked the City Council for the use of Crystal Park for vacation bible school hosted by the Baptist church and complimented the city on its exceptional maintenance of the park.

Mayor McGough reminded motorists to remain vigilant for pedestrians, particularly in the area surrounding the swimming pool.

Mayor McGough also shared that he recently spoke with a gentleman who had been a Miller resident many years ago. The gentleman recalled both the former swimming pool at its current location and the earlier pool at Crystal Park. In honor of those memories, he made a donation toward the new swimming pool project. His generosity serves as a meaningful reminder of the lasting impact Miller's swimming pool has had on generations of residents and the special place it continues to hold in the hearts of the Miller community.

Department Head Reports

Upcoming meetings at City Hall include the Swimming Pool Pre-Bid Meeting on August 11 at 2:00 p.m., the Airport Taxiway Preconstruction Meeting on August 12 at 11:00 a.m., and the Swimming Pool Bid Opening on September 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Pool Manager Sydney Jessen presented the 2026 swimming pool season review. Jessen has worked at the Miller swimming pool for the past nine years and noted that she taught her final swimming lesson at the current pool that evening.

The pool employed 11 lifeguards this season and remained open throughout the summer without staffing-related closures, despite having two fewer lifeguards than last year. Attendance and participation were significantly higher than in 2025.

Three two-week swimming lesson sessions were offered, with one session eliminated due to the band trip and the possibility of an early pool closure. Enrollment included 39 participants in the first session, 66 in the second, and 53 in the third, along with 54 private lessons.

A total of 120 season passes were sold, including 96 family passes and 24 single passes, approximately 20 more than last year.

The pool opened June 4 and is scheduled to close August 8. Attendance totaled 1,663 swimmers in June, 2,469 in July, and 117 during the first two days of August. Twelve pool parties were also hosted during the season.

Jessen credited the community's hardworking high school students for the success of the swimming lesson program. She noted that Miller had six Water Safety Instructor (WSI)-certified lifeguards on staff, a significant advantage compared to Sioux Falls, where she also manages a pool and has found it difficult to recruit staff willing to obtain WSI certification.

Jessen asked the council to consider increasing lifeguard wages. She stated that the average starting wage for lifeguards in South Dakota is \$16 to \$17 per hour, while Miller's starting wage is approximately \$13 per hour. She also expressed concern that if the pool is closed next season during construction, lifeguards may accept higher-paying jobs elsewhere and not return for the 2028 season.

Mayor McGough thanked the pool staff and water department for their dedication in keeping the pool open throughout the season. He recognized the significant responsibility involved and described the swimming pool as a valuable community asset. Jessen added that she enjoys managing the pool and appreciates the opportunity to serve the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Helms & Associates Invoices: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to pay Helms & Associates invoices 38931 and 38932 for bidding and administration for a total of \$1,296.87. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Hargens to pay Helms & Associates invoice 38926 for taxiway construction for \$2,392.16. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Water Main Project: SPN invoice 39024 for preparing the plans for the water main relocation project under SD Highway 45 near the Legion intersection was presented for payment. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to pay SPN invoice 39024 in the amount of \$5,000.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried. 3 proposals were received for the water main relocation project: TLC Olson Construction - \$47,463.00, RP&H, Inc. - \$59,825.00, and Dahme Construction - \$69,166.75. Engineer’s estimate: \$56,064.00. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to award the contract to TLC Olson Construction in the amount of \$47,463.00. All members voted aye. Alderman Jones – abstained. Motion carried.

Building Permit: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Auch to approve a building permit for Doug Purrington to construct a new shed at 501 W 2nd St. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Gab to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

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Bills August 2026 (1)

Axon Enterprise	Supplies	2,391.68
Bds	Garbage	410.00
Bob's Gas	Fuel	1,546.05
Border States	Supplies	1,304.47
Bresson, Mahli	Reimb	137.50
Bruce Kleinsasser	Lifeguard Re-Certified	934.60
Builders Solutions	Supplies	12.54
City Utilities	Utilities	9,155.05
Dakota Supply Group	Supplies	348.16
Christi Danburg	Reimb	19.00
Dgr Engineering	Zoning Map Updates	14,219.50
Dollar General	Supplies	20.50
Flor, Autumn	Reimb	137.50
Dan Fritzsche	Reimb	19.00
Gibson, Jake	Reimb	262.50
Gortmaker, Taytum	Reimb	275.00
Hc Rod	Prof Fees	30.00
Hc Treasurer	Title & Plates	33.20
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	3,689.03
Jim Henson	Reimb	11.90
Hofer, Grace	Reimb	100.00
Ron Hoftiezer	Reimb	19.00
Huss, Haylie	Reimb	137.50
Lichty, Kate	Reimb	127.50
Terry Manning	Reimb	43.00
Moncur, Jeffrey	Reimb	43.00
Nelson, Allison	Reimb	123.40
Nelson, Patrick	Reimb	137.50
Northwest Pipe Fittings	Supplies	194.36
Ohed	80% Bbb	6,432.86
Postmaster	Annual	390.00
Postmaster Trust Account	Presort Permit #2	425.00
Sd Phl	Water Samples	120.00
Sd Fpa	Supplies	234.50
Share Corp	Supplies	1,388.21
Spn	Water Main Relocation	5,000.00
Sturdevant's	Supplies	49.99
Tony's Repair	Maint.	90.35
Us Bank	Loans	22,547.06
Us Bank	Loans	22,789.15
Us Bank	Loans	12,775.27
Us Bank	Loans	4,640.84
Us Bank	Loans	15,943.66
Werdel, Gabriella	Reimb	127.50
World Ins	Prop&Liab Ins	43.00
Zep	Supplies	187.49
	Accounts Payable Total	<u>\$129,067.32</u>

**Payroll Salary plus Benefits
by Department:**

		7/30/2026, 7/31/2026, 8/6/2026		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	2,685.89	0.00	2,685.89
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	2,851.74	0.00	2,851.74
41902	BUILDING	277.80	0.00	277.80
42101	POLICE	9,548.37	1,392.35	10,940.72
43101	STREET	8,270.11	768.76	9,038.87
43201	SEWER	5,787.38	44.07	5,831.45
43305	WATER	5,787.39	44.06	5,831.45
43403	ELECTRIC	14,549.85	3.39	14,553.24
45101	BALLPARK	1,697.87	0.00	1,697.87
45202	PARK	1,227.21	0.00	1,227.21
45103	POOL	9,420.67	0.00	9,420.67
		<u>\$62,104.28</u>	<u>\$2,252.63</u>	<u>\$64,356.91</u>