

**CITY OF MILLER
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Tuesday, September 8, 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: OHDC Director Jansen Naber contacted Mayor McGough to review the “Welcome to Miller” sign repairs at a later date. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the agenda as amended to remove New Business item number 1, Jansen Naber, OHDC – “Welcome to Miller” sign repairs, to add a removal permit application for Bill Hughes to remove a house at 513 E 2nd Ave., and to make one correction on New Business item number 7b. to list the correct amount for TLC Olson Construction’s invoice. 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 August 17, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Input: None.

Department Head Reports

Mayor McGough commented on the written reports included in the agenda packet. The landfill is full and no longer accepts old buildings to be buried. Webster Scale is at the airport starting the taxiway reconstruction, access road rehab, and beacon project this week. The project is scheduled to have the airport closed for 30 days. Waterworth will tune in to the next regular city council meeting to review the updated long-term financial model for the water fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Permits: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Price to approve a building permit for Calvin Kindle to construct a new deck at 609 E 7th St and for Bill Hughes to remove a house at 513 E 2nd Ave. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

American Legion – close 4th St SE for Miller Thriller: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones to close 4th St SE for the Miller Thriller event that will be held on the Legion grounds on Saturday, September 12. All members voted aye. Alderman Auch – abstained. Motion carried.

American Trust Insurance/TMHCC – insurance renewals: Motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve the insurance renewals for property & liability and cyber insurance with American Trust Insurance/TMHCC (Tokio Marine HCC). Alderman Price requested that an updated drivers list be submitted as well. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Award Bid – Swimming Pool Project: The rebid opening for the new swimming pool project was held on Tuesday, September 1, at 2:00 p.m. at Miller City Hall, as advertised.

Alderman Price reported that two full-combination bids were received: Sharp Enterprises, Inc., Pierre, SD — \$7,287,000; Lloyd Construction Co., Sioux Falls, SD — \$6,390,000.

The engineers completed contractor reference checks, with favorable results. Burbach Aquatics engineers recommended awarding the project to the low bidder, Lloyd Construction Co.

Mayor McGough explained that engineering fees are calculated as a percentage of the total project cost. Phase II engineering fees are 7.95% and Phase III fees are 3.95%, plus reimbursable expenses. Because the bid amount is higher than the engineer’s original estimate, the engineering

costs will also increase. The total project cost is now estimated at approximately \$7.2 million, including engineering fees that have already been paid to date.

Alderman Price stated that he was confident funding would be available to cover the total project cost.

A motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to award the bid to Lloyd Construction Co. All members voted aye. Alderman Jones – abstained. Motion carried.

Swimming Pool Project – Burbach Aquatics invoices: Motion by Alderwoman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to pay a total of \$70,577.29 to Burbach Aquatics, Inc. for the following invoices: #09080 – Phase II Basic Services \$18,184.79, #09081 – Phase II Reimbursables \$3,400.65, #09082 – Phase III Basic Services \$45,176.06, and #09083 – Phase III Reimbursables \$3,815.79. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Water Main Relocation: Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to pay SPN invoices 39273 through 39274 for a total of \$11,908.38. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Auch to pay TLC Olson Construction pay request for water main relocation in the amount of \$56,716.00. All members voted aye. Alderman Jones – abstained. Motion carried.

Phase IV Water Utility Improvement Project: Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Gab to pay SPN invoice 39286 for \$1,190.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Airport CIP 2027 AIP FAA Pre-Application: There will be no airport project in 2027, and the city wishes to save their entitlements for future use. Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Price to authorize Mayor McGough to sign the FAA Pre-application for no project in 2027. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Airport Improvement Project: Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Hargens to approve **Helms & Associates invoice 39136** for \$1,358.71 for coordination services for the taxiway and access road project. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Jones for the Mayor as the authorized representative for the city to sign the **State AIP Agreement for Project No. 3-46-0035-18-2026** for installation of the AWOS-III-P. The State's portion is 2.5% up to \$8,375.00 of the total eligible project costs. The Federal share is 95% up to \$318,250.00, and the city's share is the remaining 2.5% up to \$8,375.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Special Event Liquor Licenses: Motion by Alderman Hargens, seconded by Alderman Gab to approve 2 special event liquor license applications for Willie's Bar & Grill for 9/12/2026 and 9/26/2026 both at the Miller Community Center. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement – Abatement: Alderman Hargens stated that the property at 107 SE 3rd Ave. is in dire need of clean-up and needs to be mowed. Motion by Alderman Price, seconded by Alderman Gab to give the IPMC city committee authorization to go through the abatement process. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Reschedule October 5th Meeting: Alderman Hargens and Alderwoman Hargens will be gone the week of October 5th, but all other members plan on being present. If need be, Alderman Hargens and Alderwoman Hargens can be present via phone call. The October 5th meeting will remain as scheduled.

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

Correspondence: Mid-Dakota Rural Water System sent a letter to the city council informing them of the rate changes for fiscal year 2027 beginning January 1, 2027.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Alderman Auch, seconded by Alderman Hargens to go into executive session for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 7:26 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor McGough returned the meeting to regular session at 7:54 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS cont'd.

Open Police Position: Motion by Alderman Gab, seconded by Alderman Jones to offer the open police position at \$21.00/hour with a \$1.00/hour wage increase upon successful completion of certification and a relocation bonus up to \$3,000. 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 7:55 p.m. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom McGough, Mayor

Cindy Deuter, Finance Officer

LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT

Copy of the official proceedings
was received on: _____
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Bills September 2026 (1)

Aflac	Premium Reimb	18.04
Agtegra	Fuel	2,838.13
Baycom C/O Ownersedge	Telescoping Pole/Processor	8,760.40
Bds	Garbage	400.00
Blasdell, Tre	Reimb	327.32
Bob's Gas	Fuel	810.00
Burbach Aquatics	Phase Two - Pool Improvements	70,577.29
Central Square	Ps Pro/Prorms/Mobile Software	18,464.74
City Utilities	Utilities	9,920.71
Cnh	Supplies	96.95
Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement	603.39
Dakota Electronics	Viking Portable/Antenna/Battry	4,048.00
Dakota Fluid Power	Supplies	202.81
Dakota Land Management	Spraying	952.04
Dollar General	Supplies	41.00
Hawkins	Chemical	10,305.30
Helms & Associates	Prof Fees	1,358.71
Infotech	Prof Fees	1,397.94
Landis+Gyr	Prof Fees	1,444.83
Mcgillvrey Oil	Repair	793.88
Miller Ace	Supplies	1,133.63
Napa	Parts	203.36
Oakley, Grady	Supplies	504.00
Ohed	80% Bbb	2,900.66
Postmaster	Presort Permit #2	400.00
Riter Rogers	Prof Fees	70.00
Runnings	Supplies	174.41
Sd Ag	24/7 Program	77.00
Sd Fpa	Supplies	55.00
Spn	Prof Fees	13,098.38
Sturdevant's	Supplies	398.71
Tlc Olson Construction	Relocate Wtr Main For Sddot Cf	56,716.00
Tony's Repair	Repair	22.95
Twin Valley Tire	Repair	76.99
Wesco	Supplies	1,797.00
Accounts Payable Total		<u>\$210,989.57</u>

**Payroll Salary plus Benefits
by Department:**

		8/27/2026, 8/31/2026, 9/10/2026		
	Department	w/o OT	OT	Total
41101	COUNCIL	2,669.73	0.00	2,669.73
41402	FINANCE OFFICE	6,821.01	0.00	6,821.01
41902	BUILDING	256.01	0.00	256.01
42101	POLICE	22,235.18	1,254.62	23,489.80
43101	STREET	19,600.93	1,096.93	20,697.86
43201	SEWER	13,602.45	383.80	13,986.25
43305	WATER	13,602.38	383.78	13,986.16
43403	ELECTRIC	34,222.81	97.24	34,320.05
45101	BALLPARK	2,482.98	0.00	2,482.98
45202	PARK	2,766.61	0.00	2,766.61
		<u>\$118,260.09</u>	<u>\$3,216.37</u>	<u>\$121,476.46</u>